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WILL ENGLAND'S LONG WAIT END?
At long last, England advanced to their first major football final in 55 years. For a nation that's football mad, it's been a long wait. And now, nothing but the Euro Cup will do. In Raheem Sterling and Harry Kane, they have a couple of players in fine form. If they do manage to turn over Italy at Wembley expect 'it's come home' chants long through the night.

No cabinet rejig, govt's focus on third wave: BSY

'Experts warn next surge will be stronger, we're vaccinating all those above 18'

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI
@Kalaburagi

THERE is no proposal before the government to either reshuffle or expand the ministry, like at the Centre, and the government is now focused on tackling the threat of third wave of the Covid pandemic and implementing developmental works, said Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa here on Saturday.

He said that health experts, in their report to the government, have expressed apprehensions that the Covid third wave could be stronger than the second one. "The government is already taking steps to counter it and started vaccinating all those aged above 18," he added.

Yediyurappa, who was here to lay the foundation stone for various development works, said that the government will think of holding a cabinet meeting in Kalaburagi, as proposed earlier, after the Covid third wave comes under control.

Though Covid cases have declined in Karnataka, there has been a surge in Maharashtra and Kerala. The government has now made it mandatory for people coming in from the two states to produce RTPCR certificates not older than 72 hours.

The CM kept himself away from the controversy surrounding the war of words between Mandya MP Sumalatha and JDS leader HD Kumarswamy, saying, "I don't want to comment on the issue. I am satisfied that my government has taken steps to construct a memorial for film icon Ambarish."

No change in state leadership: Pralhad

Ruling out a change in leadership in Karnataka, Union minister Pralhad Joshi said that the focus now is on battling Covid. "CM BS Yediyurappa has managed the State efficiently and also performed well. Moreover, party's state in-charge Arun Singh has already clarified on the issue," he added.

Logical sense and scientific knowledge

"For effective treatment, a doctor should possess logical sense along with scientific knowledge. Logical sense is like the *manodharmam* (instinctive improvisation) in *Kathakali*. It needs to dawn upon you at the right moment," P K Warrier wrote in *Smriti Parvam*

PANNIYAMPILLY KRISHNANKUTY WARRIER
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AYURVEDA'S RENAISSANCE MAN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Malappuram

IF Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala is a household name at least in the South, it is because of brand builder Dr P K Warrier, who led the Ayurveda renaissance for decades. His desire to learn and humility to assimilate new ideas helped the ancient medical system reinvent itself in line with the changing times. Warrier passed away on Saturday at the age of 100.

Besides modernising Ayurveda, Warrier encouraged research and took special care to preserve rare medicinal plants. A five-volume text on Ayurveda treatment published under his initiative is a ready reckoner on the treatment system at the international level. He embraced all systems of medicines and was always willing to pick up treatment methods from other systems like Naturopathy and Yoga. He welcomed blending of treatment methods from different streams to deal with critical cases.

Warrier used to tell his colleagues how they needed to use modern investigation methods like scanning and ECG to precisely learn about the issues of the patients. In the charitable hospital at Kottakkal run by Arya Vaidya Sala (AVS), treatment in modern medicine is also provided free of cost to poor patients along with Ayurveda treatment.

Under the supervision of Warrier, AVS intensified machine-supported drug manufacturing decades ago. *Kashayams*, which were prepared in steam plants till then, soon took a more convenient avatar of tablets. *Bhasmam* (powder containing metals) was packed into capsules while gel tubes replaced several of the *Kuzhambu* (thick viscous oil) preparations.

"P K Warrier promoted the scientific features of Ayurveda," said Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in his condolence message.

No govt job, chance to contest local polls in UP's proposed two-child law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Lucknow

JUST a day before World Population Day, a draft of the Uttar Pradesh Population (Control, Stabilisation and Welfare) Bill, 2021, proposed that those having more than two children will not be eligible for state government jobs, cannot contest local body polls and won't be able to get government subsidies.

The draft also says such persons will be ineligible for promotion in state government services, can get only up to four units in a ration card and will be debarred from the benefit of welfare schemes. The draft bill has invited suggestions from the public by July 19.

For those following the two-child norm, the draft proposes a series of incentives for government servants as well as the general public, including two additional salary increments, subsidy towards purchase of plots or house sites or built houses from the housing board or the development authority. The other incentives include a soft loan for construction or purchasing a house on nominal rates of interest, rebate on charges for utilities such as water, electricity, house tax, maternity or as the case may be, paternity leave of 12 months with full salary and perks.

It also proposes a 3% increase in the employer's contribution fund under the national pension scheme, free healthcare facility and insurance coverage to the spouse of those strictly following the two-child norm. For public servants who have only one child with either spouse undergoing voluntary sterilisation, the incentives include "two additional increments during the entire service, free healthcare facility and insurance coverage to the single child till the age of 20 years, and preference to a single child in admission in all education institutions."

NATIONWIDE	JULY 9	JULY 10
Fresh cases	43,393	42,766
Recoveries	44,459	45,254
Deaths	911	1,206

KARNATAKA	JULY 9	JULY 10
Fresh cases	2,290	2,162
Recoveries	3,045	2,879
Deaths	68	48

BIG PICTURE

Floodgates reopen between K'taka, TN

The Cauvery river water sharing issue has once again fuelled a political battle between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, over the former's plans to go ahead with the ₹9,000-crore dam project at Mekedatu, about 100 km from Bengaluru. **P4**

LONDON EYE

London will be the cynosure of sporting eyes on Sunday with two mega finals. Here's a look at both the Euro final, between England and Italy, and Wimbledon, between Novak Djokovic and Matteo Berrettini

NO 20 AT SW 19?

You have to go back a few decades for the last time three men (Rafa Nadal and Roger Federer are on 20) were level on the Majors won count. The Serb will be aiming to do just that against the Italian at Wimbledon. However, it won't be easy as Berrettini has handy weapons. But the World No 1 has lost only set – in his first match – en route the final.

LIVE: 6.30 PM ON STAR SPORTS AND HOTSTAR

MODERN ITALIAN MASTERPIECE

After the ignominy of not qualifying for the 2018 World Cup, there was a hard reset. Roberto Mancini was hired and the Azzurri haven't looked back. They place onus on attacking play, weaving geometry on the football field. Three years later, a win will be an immediate reward for a revolution. Italy will be aiming to win their second Euro final.

LIVE: 12.30 AM (MONDAY) ON SONY NETWORKS

Hizb chief's sons among 11 J&K govt staff sacked

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE J&K administration has terminated the services of 11 government employees, including two sons of Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin, over their alleged involvement in anti-national activities, sources said on Saturday.

The sons of Pakistan-based Salahuddin—Syed Shakeel and Shahid Yousuf—were sacked over their alleged involvement in terror funding, which is being probed by the NIA. Shakeel was working as a medical assistant in Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences while Shahid was at the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology. Former R&AW chief A S Dulat had once famously described how he had facilitated the admission of Salahuddin's son in a medical college in Srinagar.

All of the others were also found to have links with terror groups. One of them, an orderly at the Industrial Training Institute, Kupwara is reportedly an over-ground worker of Lashkar-e-Taiba. Two teachers from Anantang district were found to have participated in activities of banned terror outfits like the Jamaat-Islami and the Dukhtaran-e-Millat.

Two policemen who provided logistic support to terrorists were also sacked.

National Health Mission
Department of Health and Family Welfare
World Population Day
11th July, 2021
Shri B.S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Provision of Family Planning Services even in a crisis, for a self reliant Nation & Family
Measures to promote family planning
Increase public awareness about dangers of teenage pregnancies and less spacing between births.
Easy access to information about birth of Child & Health services at all the Health Centres.
Incentive to adopters of family planning and Service providers too.
Providing training about Family planning.
Building confidence on safe services of Family Planning methods.
Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education, Dr. K. Sudhakar reviewing the health programs
Let us follow healthy habits,
Be healthy & Build a strong Nation.
Wear mask
2 meters distance from others
Sanitize hands frequently
Get a self-induced vaccine
For better health of Mother & Child
Maintain gap between births
To be safe from Covid-19 infection
Get vaccinated without fail.
Mask - the protective shield against Covid.
Nirodh / Mala-N / Chhaya / Injection Antara
- the protective shield to a happy & healthy family.
DIPR/Health Dept./35/2021-22
For more details, Call 24x7 Free Health Helpline : 104
"HEALTH FOR ALL - HEALTH EVERYWHERE"

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ALMANAC TODAY
Sunday : 11/07/2021 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Uttharayana
Ritu: Greeshma • Masa: Ashada • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Prathami 6.29 am
Nakshatra: Pushyami 1.48 am • Moon in Simha Rashi • Rahukaala: 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
Gulikakala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Yamaganda: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 24°C
FORECAST
Light showers. Overcast

Sunrise 6.00 am
Sunset 6.50 pm
Moonrise 6.54 am
Moonset 8.06 pm

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Forest field staff have battled the spread of lantana and other weeds on 300 hectares of the Bhadra Tiger Reserve, and emerged victorious. Their reward: verdant grasslands where animals roam

GREENING THE GRASSLANDS

MEERA BHARDWAJ @Bengaluru

IF the world-famous wildlife reserve of Masai Mara evokes awe with its rolling Savannahs and Great Wildebeest Migration, then Karnataka's own restored grasslands in Bhadra Tiger Reserve trigger the same evocative response in a visitor. Known as hadlus, these moist restored grasslands are now resplendent with the sightings of gaurs, spotted deer, sambar and many other species.

This habitat, which was wrecked with the invasion of lantana, eupatorium and other exotic foreign weeds, is being restored after two years of back-breaking work by hundreds of forest field staff. In all, 300 hectares of grasslands have been restored, and visitors say they are a sight to behold, with verdant hills in the backdrop.

It was in 2002, when enclosures spread over 500 hectares inside the tiger reserve were cleared of human presence. For many decades, 431 families lived in these enclosures and reaped paddy in the fertile grasslands. They included 98 families from Hipla village, 60 from Kesava in Muthodi range, and 159 from Madla village in Hebbe range. But after decades of efforts by NGOs, they voluntarily gave up their rights and shifted to a new location, to begin a new life.

These lands were left to nature, to recoup and recover. However, to the dismay of forest officials, the past 4-5 years saw the destructive advent of exotic weeds and even spiders spinning their webs all over the recovered lands. The weeds also disturbed the natural grass growing capability of the hadlus. For wildlife, survival itself became a question mark, with many species shunning these regions.

Drawing up a new strategy to overcome the spread of these invasive weeds, the state forest department started restoration work in 2019. For forest staff, it was a tough job as they had to manually uproot lakhs of weeds during the monsoons. Continuous deweeding efforts paid dividends as they were able to clear 70-90 per cent of the weeds from these swampy regions.

In the second year itself, elephants, gaurs, leopards, sambar, spotted deer and other species were sighted in the restored hadlus of Bhadra.

As per the Bhadra Tiger Reserve Management Plan, then director Takath Singh Ranawat and Chikkamagaluru Conservator of Forests Sunil Panwar initiated the process with allocation of funds from the Tiger Conservation Foundation Fund and NTCA. Two years of efforts have shown very good results, with fast recovery of grasslands and frequent sightings of herbivores in the recovered lands.

Lokesh Bilavala, Muthodi range forest officer, said, "With the clearance of almost 90 per cent of lantana and other invasive species on 200 hectares of land in our range, we have been able to recover fast. Our field staff worked tirelessly to achieve this. One advantage here was after the deweeding process, the grass is rejuvenated naturally. And for the past month, since rain started, the entire region has turned into a green carpet."

The restoration work is a continuing process, and work has to be taken up as these species invade grasslands repeatedly, add range officials. "If we don't carry out maintenance, they will be back with avengeance."

In adjoining Hebbe Range, 159 families used to grow paddy in the four villages of Madla. But with their relocation in 2002, the lands were abandoned, and invaded by lantana and eupatorium. Hebbe range forest officer Kiran says they started deweeding four years ago. "We have cleared 70 per cent of the weeds, and the rest will take another few years to eradicate. Uprooting has to be done in such a way that no seeds are dispersed, as they may take root again in the monsoons."

Range officials are happy with the restoration, and sightings of many grassland species. After grass began to appear in May-June, nearly 500 spotted deer, 15 groups of sambar (2-4, 6-8 per group) and 15-16 gaurs have been sighted and recorded in Hebbe Range. With the increase in prey density (herbivorous species), sightings of tigers and leopards are clear and visible in these verdant grasslands.

However, field staff are on their toes, maintaining vigil so that lantana and other weeds do not proliferate again in the natural grassland habitat. Plans are afoot to clear and recover the remaining grassland ecosystem on 200 hectares of Bhadra. Effective work at the ground level can maintain these grasslands, and turn them into a role models for other reserves.

HOME TO
30 Tigers (approx)
300 species of birds
Asiatic elephants, leopards, gaurs, slender loris, sloth bear, pangolin, other species

RELOCATING FOREST FOLK

Voluntary relocation of people from core areas of Bhadra, that was notified as a tiger reserve in 1998, is considered a milestone in the human resettlement programme. Dr Ullas Karanth, noted wildlife biologist, and D V Girish, wildlife conservationist, were instrumental in assisting the forest department to relocate 430-odd households from Bhadra.

SPREAD
500 SQKM

500 hectares in two ranges – Muthodi and Hebbe

HADLUS (in Kannada) are natural moist grasslands

> It was decided to take up restoration of grassland ecosystems in four protected areas, including Bhadra, in 2019. The lantana weed has seriously affected wildlife habitats, and removing it was the only way to increase the habitat area. A strategy was adopted to do this in a systematic way
> — SANJAI MOHAN, PCCF & head of forest force

> Range officials have been taking good steps in conserving the grasslands as well as increasing patrolling, monitoring and protecting the ranges. For the first time, recovery and maintenance of grasslands has been done, it is a welcome move and should be initiated in other tiger reserves
> — G VEERESH, Hon. wildlife warden, Chikkamagaluru

FOR THE LOVE OF TULU

Jai Tulunad is striving to preserve Tulu and has come up with an online dictionary to ensure the language grows and survives

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

TULU, the sing-song language of the Kanara coast, has over the years become synonymous with rolling paddy fields, aromatic fish curry, swaying coconut and palm trees, and of course, Yakshagana.

A Dravidian language spoken in the coastal districts of Dakshina Kannada and Kasaragod of Kerala, Tulu has been constantly struggling to survive among other South Indian languages. Much of Tulu, especially the historical inscriptions from the 14th and 15th centuries, have been written in Tigalari script.

To promote and preserve the language and also to spread awareness about it across the world, a Mangaluru-based organisation has released a Tulu dictionary – Kopparige. Jai Tulunad, with over 200 active members, has taken several initiatives to further the language. They have also demanded the language be included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution.

Tulu has its own Lipi script, which needs to be advanced, so that Tulu literary works can go forward, said Association president Sudarshan Suratkal. "It was Dr Venkatraj Puninchithaya who helped reintroduce the Tulu script. Later, the Tulu Sahitya Academy introduced it to the public. The language is even taught in schools. We have launched the 'Tawlava' app to promote it. We also have Kala Konde calendar, which has Tulu Akshara Maale (alphabets) and Tulu numerals, through which one can easily learn the script. Due to Western influence and importance given to Kannada, people neglected Tulu. However, many youngsters are picking it up now," he added.

Kopparige, which was released last week, has words in both Tulu and Kannada scripts, with definitions available in English, Hindi, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam.

The dictionary has 1,200 words, and has been curated by a team of 20 members over six years. "We have included archaic words that are not in use now. Our intention is to educate today's generation and to also enable people from all over the world to learn the language," Sudarshan said.

Sumanth Poojary Hebri, who was the brain behind developing the dictionary and also vice-president of Jai Tulunad, Bengaluru unit, said that along with the meanings of Tulu words, they have included pictures and even audio clips to help users pronounce words properly.

"The user needs to login onto www.jaitulunad.in to access the dictionary. It also has a provision to allow users to include new words. It's been 140 years and the language has not gone through any significant growth. We are soon planning to coordinate with Tulu writers, so that we can add up to one lakh words," he said.

The organisation has a dedicated team which keeps adding words online. Users can upload their words in the suggestion box, which will be verified and then added to the dictionary. The organisation is planning to hold daily competitions to promote the language.

Users can also upload images on the website and print names and vehicle number plates in Tulu if they wish.

Over 60 teachers from DK take up free Tulu classes

Over 60 trained teachers from the coast are taking up free Tulu script classes, and at present, over 600 are learning it online.

Sudarshan said that over 1,200 students have completed online classes. The Association had also planned to hold a summer camp on Tulu, but had to postpone it due lockdown.

Pandemic had little impact on property tax collection

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

EVEN as many have moved to their native places during the pandemic, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) tax section shows that property tax collection has had little or no impact.

According to BBMP records, as on July 9, 2021, property tax collection is Rs 1,759.85 crore, as compared to last year (for the same time period) Rs 1,747.93 crore. In the last 10 days, the BBMP has collected Rs 50 crore.

BBMP Special Commissioner, Revenue, Basavaraju S told *The New Sunday Express* that last year, property tax collection for the year was Rs 2,855.60 crore, after including improvement charges of Rs 95.05 crore, Khata transfer charges of Rs 50.07 crore and khata extract fee charges of Rs 0.34 crore, the grand total revenue collection was Rs 3,001.06 crore. This year, a target of Rs 4,000 crore has been set.

In the year 2020-21, property owners paid Rs 892.73 crore online and Rs 855.20 crore through challans. In 2021- 22, Rs 976.62 crore has been paid using online payment tools and Rs 783.23 crore through challan payment. He said that last year's tax collection was the highest in the last few years. Prior to that was Rs 2,500 crore. Last year, the collection was Rs 150 crore more when compared to 2019. This year so far, (till July 9) the collection is Rs 11 crore more than last year for the same period.

"Tax collection has little to do with the To-Let boards or vacant sites. The owner of the property has to pay taxes. Just as people pay electricity and water bills, they have to pay taxes, as this is also an essential charge. Bengaluru is one place where real estate has shown no dip in taxes and charges, despite the pandemic. Irrespective of where people have stayed, they still own the properties in Bengaluru and for that taxes have to be paid. Last year, Rs 630 crore was recovered from defaulters and this year the amount will be more as many more are returning to the city. Notices have already been served to four lakh defaulters and this year around Rs 1,000 crore is expected," a senior BBMP official added.

The double-decker train highlights the cultural fabric of both cities | EXPRESS

GLIMPSES OF CHENNAI, B'LURU LANDMARKS ON THIS TRAIN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Double Decker Express running between Bengaluru and Chennai has itself become a sight to behold with iconic structures of both the cities displayed on both sides.

Operated by the Southern Railway between MGR Chennai Central and KSR, the train has been beautified by Asia's leading paint manufacturer, Nippon Paint. An official release from the group said, "Each of the eight compartments are wrapped with artworks spotlighting key landmarks of Chennai and Bengaluru and serve as a reminder of the rich cultural fabric of both cities."

Chepauk Stadium, Valluvar Kottam, Thiruvalluvar statue, Auroville Dome, Mysore Palace and Lalbagh are among the unique sites displayed on the train.

Mahesh Anand, President, Nippon Paint (Decorative) India said, "We are happy to partner with Southern Railways for this very special project to beautify the double decker train. The theme has come out really well and highlights the important landmarks of both cities."

The release added that passengers are delighted with the experience and many were spotted taking selfies inside and outside the compartments.

Maiden run of Vistadome coaches on Mangaluru rail route tomorrow

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Vistadome coaches in the first train from Bengaluru to Mangaluru, which departs at 7 am on Monday (July 12) from Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, have seen half the seats booked, according to the South Western Railway.

Of the 88 seats available in two coaches, 44 have been booked on the Yeshwantpur-Karwar Express (Train no. 06211), as of Friday evening. The bookings on subsequent days are not promising though. Chief Public Relations Officer, SWR, Aneesh Hegde gave passenger bookings as 6, 29, 6, 14, 22 and 10 on the remaining days of the week for trains from Bengaluru with Vistadome coaches along this route. The train in the reverse direction, which will departs from Mangaluru to Yeshwantpur (06540) on July 11, has been fully booked.

The seats in each Vistadome coach can rotate 180 degrees and they have large and wide windows which offer a clear view of the landscape outside.

These coaches have glass rooftops with anti-glare screens which offer clear views of the sky even during summer. The coaches are equipped with CCTV surveillance, fire safety systems, LED display, oven and refrigerator, mini pantry, multi-tiered steel luggage shelves, mobile charging socket on each seat and 'content-on-demand' viewable by passengers. The coaches are equipped with automatic sliding doors and bio-toilets.

General Manager, SWR, Gajanana Mallya said, "This train connects two major cities of Karnataka State. It traverses through a very scenic, picturesque section of Western Ghats. It is hoped that augmentation of Vistadome coaches will entice tourists, families going on trips."

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that the vaccine shortage is not because of the Centre's procurement policy, but due to some practical issues with manufacturers. He said the supply to private hospitals, which accounts for 25%, will stabilise within 7-10 days. "We have given 2.5 crore doses and stand fifth in the country. In Bengaluru, 66% of the population has received one dose," he said

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

2,162 CASES REPORTED TODAY

TALLY STANDSAT

TODAY 28,69,320

YESTERDAY 28,67,158

2,290 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
48	68

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
2,879	3,045

Active cases

TODAY 37,141

YESTERDAY 37,906

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY 8.02%

YESTERDAY 8.04%

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until July 9, 2021, a total of 28,67,158 cases have been reported in 1 year and 119 days...

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY 1.29%

YESTERDAY 1.24%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY 97.45%

YESTERDAY 97.43%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

452 BENGALURU URBAN

12 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	1
Ballari	27
Belagavi	106
Bidar	4
Chamarajanagar	37
Chikkaballapur	22
Chikkamagaluru	109
Chitradurga	34
Dakshina Kannada	218
Davanagere	36
Dharwad	25
Gadag	9
Hassan	178
Haveri	9
Kalaburagi	9
Kodagu	108
Kolara	73
Koppal	10
Mandya	63
Mysuru	211
Raichur	2
Ramanagara	23
Shivamogga	110
Tumakuru	98
Udupi	113
Uttara Kannada	56
Vijayapura	1
Yadgir	6

'QUICK SEROSURVEY WILL GIVE US DATA TO SAY IF THERE'LL BE A THIRD WAVE'

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

WHILE some of the states are yet again witnessing a rise in Covid-19 cases, hinting at a possible third wave, **Dr Shahid Jameel**, renowned virologist and former chairman of the Indian SARS-COV-2 Genomics Consortia (INSACOG), and also one of the co-founders of Ignite Life, in an exclusive interview to TNSE says that India needs a quick seroprevalence study to know if there will be a consorted peak or a ripple, or how and when each state may peak. He also speaks about Ignite Life Science Foundation's first funds granted by Biocon founder and executive chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw to trigger funding for research on mRNA-based vaccines.

Will the coming together of two 'variants of concern', the Delta and Delta-plus, spark a third wave?

The third wave is now dependent on three things - 1) Behaviour of people post relaxation measures; 2) How many people have already been exposed and how many are yet to be vaccinated. So far, about 360 million doses have been given, which means roughly about 24 per cent of people have got one dose. This is still a small number. The third wave depends on how many people have been exposed and we don't have good estimates of that. Ideally, there should be a serosurvey done very quickly to find out what percentage of people in India are exposed and that will provide the right kind of data to predict whether there will be enough of a third wave or not. If 70 per cent of people have already been exposed, the nature of things will be very different than 50 per cent being exposed and 50 per cent not exposed; 3) Whether there will be a more infectious variant emerging. By more infectious, I mean more infectious than the Delta variant. Delta was about 100 per cent more infectious than Alpha. Whether there will be another variant that is significantly more infectious than Delta will decide whether there will be a big third wave. Delta-plus is not very infectious.

What about vaccines for children? Will there be a need for it?

People saying that children will be more affected are basing it on the assumption that children have largely been left unexposed. While there is no reason to make that assumption, I do not believe that children are less exposed. I think if we do a proper serosurvey, we will know that they are as exposed as adults. If our regulator approves that, then the DNA vaccine can be made available for children. Though I agree that children should be tested before giving it to them, I don't know of any vaccine that is safe for adults, but unsafe for children. The scenario looks good and we should just vaccinate children.

Do you think that labs under INSACOG are doing enough sequencing? Should they rope in private players?

Sequencing is done strategically. It is not about brute numbers, but yes, they are important. Because, unless you sequence at scale, you may not be able to find what is beginning to emerge. The INSACOG is sequencing at around 0.03 per cent and even at that rate, it did find the Delta-plus emerging precedently. What we need is smart and strategic sequencing, more in areas where it is still emerging instead of areas where it is subsiding. I think it is working well. There are a lot of companies in India that have a lot of sequencing capacity. Yes, I do believe that private players should be allowed in and they should work within a certain mandate and within a certain reporting structure, but strengths of private players should be utilised.

Ignite Life Science Foundation has awarded its first grant for 'pandemic preparedness' research. How important will this kind of research be? And what will be the focus of research?

The mission of Ignite is to fill the space between government funding and large foundations. We do a lot of hand-holding. The whole idea is, whoever we fund, we make it possible for them to succeed. The very first grant was made possible by a very generous donation by Biocon founder and executive chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw. So we were able to roll out our first grant and that was awarded to IISc, Bengaluru and Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, Faridabad. The idea is to develop an RNA vaccine platform and also to try and make it thermostable. Remember, India doesn't have an RNA vaccine platform. Our first plan is to see if we can develop a vaccine with an RNA platform and can be stored in the fridge at 4 degrees Celsius. Yes, pandemic preparedness is very important, but so is antimicrobial resistance and nutrition. There are many things. We are working on many of those. But it depends on philanthropic donations. The time frame for the grant is three years.

Was there any particular reason for your exit from the INSACOG?

That's not a story at all. Don't look back, look ahead!

Covid-19 treatment now simplified with new guidelines

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

EVER since the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) released its guidelines for Covid-19 treatment in June, the protocol followed by both private and government hospitals has become simplified.

"For out-patients, monoclonal antibody therapy is used for the right kind of people. A good deal of doctors have walked away from most of the drugs. Remdesivir is given only when the patient has less oxygen and within nine days of the illness. Steroids are given only seven days after the onset of illness if oxygen levels drop below 93%. Largely, supportive care (like paracetamol) is given... blood thinners for all patients who are admitted as a preventive measure with no use of drugs that are not validated, such as 2DG," said Ravindra Mehta, senior consultant and HoD, Pulmonology and Interventional Pulmonology, Apollo Speciality Hospitals.

The guidelines state that Tocilizumab can be used only in severe and critically ill patients if they show no signs of improvement in terms of oxygen requirement even after 24-48 hours of administration of steroids and have significantly raised inflammatory markers.

"We do not use Hydroxychloroquine, Azythromycin, Doxycycline and Ivermectin. For severe patients, we use oxygen, ventilator, non-rebreather mask, and ICU treatment. Now, steroids is used judiciously and on a need basis to prevent black fungus," said Dr K G Suresh, senior specialist, K C General Hospital.

COVID BYTES

'Focus now should be on targeted testing'

Bengaluru: Though Karnataka has so far administered over 2.5 crore vaccine doses, with the unlock kicking in, experts say that the vaccination drive needs to pick up in every district to keep the cases low. Bengaluru Urban has the highest vaccination coverage at 71.41% and Raichur the lowest at 27.29%. Experts feel that the focus should be on target-based RT-PCR testing. "The state's tracking of cases and target testing are two important ways to mitigate the pandemic," said Dr C N Manjunath, director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research. Meanwhile, the state on Saturday reported 2,162 new cases and 48 deaths. ENS

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister, Govt. of India

Heartfelt thanks to

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Shri Narendra Modi ji

for Creation of "Ministry of Co-operation"

Indeed, the formation of new Ministry of Co-operation at the Centre is a land mark initiative of the Government under the farsighted leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. The principal objective behind the formation of separate Ministry of Co-operation is to strengthen co-operative movement in the country by means of provision of exclusive administrative, legal strength and policy framework for the sector. This has led to new hope among people across the country believing that the Ministry would help co-operatives as a true people based movement.

It is a bold step towards further simplifying the rules and streamlining the process for a "Ease of doing business" for co-operatives and enabling development of multi-state co-operatives (MSCS). It is proven fact that in our Country, co-operative based economic development model is much more relevant as each member puts honest efforts with a spirit of responsibility for realisation of goal aspired.

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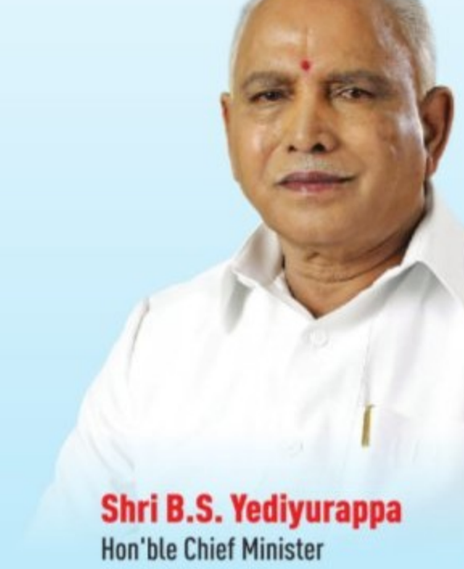

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Damned again as Karnataka, TN slug it out over Mekedatu

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

THE Cauvery river water sharing issue has once again fuelled a political battle between the two neighbouring states of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu over the former's plans to build a dam at Mekedatu, about 100 km from Bengaluru. Karnataka is determined to go ahead with the Rs 9,000 crore project amid opposition from Tamil Nadu. Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has directed the officials to prepare an action plan, while his Tamil Nadu counterpart has upped the ante by making all efforts to stall the project, and has convened an all-party meeting on Monday.

At the core of what now seems more like a political and emotive issue is the utilisation of surplus water that now flows from Karnataka, the upper riparian state, to Tamil Nadu. The Water Resources Department's calculations, by taking into account data from 40 years, shows a minimum of 45 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft) excess water is available for its use. (One thousand million cubic feet is approximately 28 million cubic metres of water).

The Mekedatu balancing reservoir-cum-drinking water project, with a component to generate 400-megawatt of electricity, is intended to use this excess water. Karnataka contends that the project, with a capacity to store 67 tmcft of water, will help it to additionally utilise 4.75 tmcft of water to meet the drinking water needs of Karnataka, including the whole of Bengaluru city.

At present, Bengaluru gets around 1,450 million litres per day (MLD) of Cauvery water, but the requirement is expected to go up to about 2,900 MLD over the next 10 years, a senior official from Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) told The New Indian Express. Officials hope that beyond 2030, the Mekedatu project will help address the drinking water needs of Bengaluru, a burgeoning metropolis and one of the growth engines of the Indian economy.

TAMIL NADU'S OPPOSITION

Tamil Nadu perceives the dam, with a capacity to store 67 tmcft of water just across the border in Karnataka, as a hindrance to the free flow of surplus water. Water from Karnataka is stored at Mettur Dam, the lifeline for paddy cultivation in the Cauvery delta region in Tamil Nadu during the 'Kuruvai' season. The Mekedatu project, TN feels, will jeopardize the interests of its farmers. The state's application questioning the project is pending before the Supreme Court. The state is trying to exert pressure on the Centre against granting permission to Karnataka's project. Tamil Nadu's argument is mainly centred around the dam putting an end to the free flow of water and concerns over Karnataka increasing its area under irrigation in the Cauvery delta.

MEKEDATU

Mekedatu in Kanakapura taluk is a serene place in dense forests where Cauvery river passes through a narrow crevice, a much sought-after weekend getaway for Bengalureans. It is about 100 km from Bengaluru.

DAM SITE

The balancing reservoir, with a storage capacity of 67 tmcft, is around 4 km downstream of Sangama. The dam will be located around 50 km from the Biligundlu measuring station in Tamil Nadu on the Karnataka border, and around 100 km from Mettur dam in TN.

PROJECT DETAILS

- Drinking water and hydro power project (Multipurpose):
- River: **Cauvery**
- Submergence: Forest (Ha):**4716** and Revenue (Ha): **280**: Total (Ha) **4,996**
- Gross Storage **67.14** tmcft
- Type of Dam: **Concrete Gravity Dam**
- Length of dam: **660** mt
- Height of dam **99** mt

BIG PICTURE

KARNATAKA'S STAND

However, Karnataka Government and its irrigation experts dismiss Tamil Nadu's concerns as unfounded, and term the project as mutually beneficial. "The project in no way affects the interests of the farming community of Tamil Nadu," Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa stated in his recent letter to his TN counterpart M K Stalin. Yediyurappa's effort to seek cooperation from the newly elected Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has been met with stiff resistance with Stalin, in his reply, firmly asking Karnataka not to pursue the project.

"There is no legal hitch to take up the project. Tamil Nadu cannot stop Karnataka from going ahead with the project for two reasons — it's a drinking water project and no irrigation component is involved in it," Prof Aravind Galagali, an irrigation expert and former Director Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam (KBJNL) Ltd under the Ministry of Water Resources told The New Indian Express.

He says the state has established its legal rights in terms of surplus water going out and explained that it is beneficial to Tamil Nadu, especially at times when Karnataka is unable to release 192 tmcft during water-deficit years. Under such circumstances, the water stored in the dam can be released, he noted.

Sources say even technical experts in Tamil Nadu agree with Karnataka's contention, but it has now become more of a political and emotive issue and the government there is concerned about its impact on farmers depending on surplus water for cultivation. The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal does not bar Karnataka from taking up the project as long as it honours the release of 192 tmcft of water to Tamil Nadu. The release of water is spread over the entire year, with the monthly releases in a normal year. A normal year is when the state receives normal rainfall.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In fact, the Mekedatu hydroelectric project is not a new one, as Karnataka conceived it way back in the 1970s. However, when the state started planning the project in 2008, Tamil Nadu filed an application before the Supreme Court. The Karnataka Government's project report has been cleared by the Central Water Commission (CWC), the apex body for water management in the country. The commission gave its in-principle approval to go ahead and prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the implementation of the project. About three years ago, a report was submitted for investment clearance of around Rs 6,000 crore, but now the revised project cost is around Rs 9,000 crore.

Even as it awaits permissions to start the work, preparations are being made in terms of getting technical reports ready. Apart from sorting out the legal issues, Karnataka needs approval from the Ministry of Ecology and Forest and National Green Tribunal (NGT) as over 4,700 hectares of forest land needs to be acquired for the project. Yediyurappa is expected to hold a meeting soon with legal and technical experts to take the project forward.

K'taka residential school model must be replicated: Union Min

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @Chitradurga

EDUCATION, skill development and improving the lives of SCs, OBCs and socially-neglected sections, like transgenders, elderly people and disabled, are the top priorities of his ministry, said newly-inducted Union Minister of State of Social Justice and Empowerment A Narayanaswamy. Setting up of residential schools in all districts of the country following the Karnataka model, is on top of his agenda too, he said.

He told The New Sunday Express, "Education is the key indicator of development and the thrust given during my tenure in Karnataka as a social welfare minister had ensured setting up of Morarji Desai and Kittur Channamma residential schools for SCs and OBC communities, which helped in educating all. This needs to be replicated across the country. It should be done on a pilot basis in a few districts and based on its success, it should be extended to the entire country. Overseas education for SC/STs and OBCs, and providing them with training to take up competitive exams and higher education will be given thrust."

The Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana will be merged with the MGNREGA programme to help villages across the country see real development and his ministry will monitor the transformation, he added.

Some state governments, after getting the financial help, are trying to project Central schemes as their own without giving credit to the Union Government. His ministry will monitor this to ensure that the Centrally-sponsored programmes are publicised with the photograph of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Government of India logo to let people know it is being the taken up by the Centre, he added.

On the differently-abled people, he said that a study is needed to identify the reason for the prevalence of disability in the country. "Differently abled-friendly equipment should be developed, which is possible through technological innovations. The differently abled will be provided with skill development training to help them lead an independent life," he added.

The problem of fake caste certificates should be tackled to avoid injustice to real SC and OBC beneficiaries, he said. "I have asked my department officials to set up a data repository on fake caste certificate cases, hold meetings with the Solicitor-General of India and ensure that violators are punished."

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Will ensure SC entrepreneurs come into mainstream: Narayanaswamy

INTERVIEW

A Narayanaswamy, who was inducted as Union Minister of State of Social Justice and Empowerment, told *The New Sunday Express* in an interview that the focus of his ministry is to see the emergence of young entrepreneurs from SC and OBCs. Here are the excerpts.

How do you describe SC entrepreneurship, which is gaining traction in the country?

The SC entrepreneurship and startup programme is funded by our ministry. We have to converge the resources of our ministry and commerce and industry department to implement the concept effectively. This is also to ensure that SC entrepreneurs too come to the mainstream.

Skill development for SCs and OBCs is imparted by your ministry. Are you satisfied with the way the programme has been implemented?

The programme is being implemented by our ministry through various government agencies in colleges and it is limited to some regions. It needs to be extended to the entire country as it helps provide hands-on training to the youth. Through its effective implementation, many youngsters will emerge as new age entrepreneurs.

Irrigation and water projects of Karnataka need the support of the Union Government, How are you taking this forward?

The interest of the State will be protected. The Upper Bhadra Project, which helps in making the Central Karnataka region green and increasing the groundwater levels, will be taken up on priority. Even with other water projects, like Yettinahole, Mekedatu and Mahadayi, the State's interests will be taken care of. This is to ensure that Karnataka does not face water deficiency and the groundwater contamination reduces.

What are the projects you have planned for the development of your constituency?

My priority for my constituency will be to get a government medical college, speeding up the Tumakuru-Davangere direct railway line, to get the national project status to the Upper Bhadra irrigation project and industrialisation of the region.

Not resigning now, says Jarkiholi

ENS @Belagavi

THE issue of resigning from the Assembly is a closed chapter, former water resources minister and Gokak MLA **Ramesh Jarkiholi** has said. "I will not resign now," he told reporters at Ankalagi village in Gokak taluk on Saturday. "It is true that I had earlier planned to resign. But respecting the suggestions of my well-wishers and religious heads, I have changed my mind," he said.

On the political slugfest between former CM HD Kumaraswamy and MP Sumalatha over the latter's allegations of illegal stone quarrying damaging the Krishnaraja Sagar reservoir, the former minister said, "I am not aware of it. But the Cauvery Niravari Nigam MD has spoken about it and clarified that the structure is safe. The MD's statement is final. I don't know why MP Sumalatha is making such statements."

When asked about reports of a joint press meet organised by him and his brother Balachandra, Ramesh said, "I am not aware of Balachandra's statement. I had been to Bengaluru and Mumbai. Presently, there is no occasion to hold a joint press meet. I will discuss this issue with Balachandra. I have not met the members of 'Mitra Mandali' yet."

More pro-active Raj Bhavan expected as Gehlot set to take charge as Guv today

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FORMER Union Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot will take oath as the Governor of Karnataka at the Raj Bhavan on Sunday morning. A man who has risen from being a labourer to now the governor of a state, Gehlot's stint will be a more proactive one, political parties in Karnataka hope.

The BJP is looking forward to a governor who is a seasoned politician, rooted in the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and the party. The Congress, on the other hand, is sceptical of possible preferential treatment to the ruling dispensation, given that Gehlot is taking charge as governor within days of resigning as Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment.

Both parties, however, are hopeful that the Raj Bhavan will be more active with Gehlot's entry.

"Gehlot is a man of impeccable integrity and comes with a lot of experience. He has the ability to set right the issues in the Raj Bhavan. Over the last few years — for some 10 years now — the Raj Bhavan has been decaying. I am confident Gehlot will be able to correct the issues, " said BJP MLC Lehar Singh Siroya. Siroya has been an MLC when H R Bharadwaj and Vajubhai Vala were governors — both times when the B S Yediyurappa-led BJP government struggled to come to power in Karnataka. The Raj Bhavan in Karnataka has played a vital role whenever the voters of the state have thrown up a fractured mandate, more so during the tenures of the last two governors.

In fact, Gehlot is no newcomer to Karnataka. As National General Secretary of the BJP in 2006, he was named as the party's Karnataka in-charge. That was the year the BJP came to power in Karnataka for the very first time, albeit in alliance with the JDS.

Bharadwaj was called the 'crisis manager' for the Congress and Gehlot's appointment to Karnataka as Governor comes at a time the BJP in Karnataka is simmering with infighting. A close confidante of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, Gehlot's appointment is expected to help the BJP set its house in order in Karnataka.

"The current dispensation has turned all Raj Bhavans in the country into an extension of the BJP. Governors have been politically interfering in non-BJP governments. I hope that Gehlot can set his loyalties to the party aside and carry out responsibilities of his office in a fair manner, but I am not very confident," said AICC secretary Dinesh Gundu Rao.

Revenue Minister R Ashoka receives Governor-designate Thawar Chand Gehlot at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

DKS 'SLAPS' CONGRESS WORKER, VIDEO GOES VIRAL

MYSURU: Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D K Shiva Kumar landed in a controversy on Saturday after he lost his cool and slapped a party worker for failing to maintain social distance. The incident occurred when Shivakumar was going to a hospital to meet ailing veteran leader G Made Gowda at K M Doddi in Mandya district. In a video that has gone viral, Shivakumar is seen suddenly hitting a party worker as he tries to put his hand on the KPCC chief's shoulder. Shivakumar is heard telling the worker, "I respect you and have given you the freedom. That does not mean you should put your hand on my shoulder." He and other Congress leaders are also seen asking videographers to delete the video. Meanwhile, the BJP state unit said that the act is unpardonable and should be condemned, it added. ENS

KUMARASWAMY TRIES TO PUT A LID ON KRS RESERVOIR DEBATE

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Former chief minister and JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy on Saturday tried to put an end to his verbal duel with Mandya MP Sumalatha over the alleged damage to the structure of Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) reservoir in Mandya due to mining activity in its vicinity.

"We need to get justice in issues related to Kannada, Kannadigas and Karnataka. We are focused on fighting for those issues and against injustice faced by the state in the federal system. Unwanted talk is not necessary," the JDS leader told his party workers.

His remarks against the Mandya MP had raised a political storm. Sumalatha and her supporters had slammed the former CM for his comments against the MP after she spoke about "illegal mining causing damage to the KRS". The war of words between the two went on for three days.

Taking to social media, the former CM said the JDS will concentrate on Karnataka-centric politics and let people decide about the allegations against the party leaders. His party workers in Mandya, however, continued to raise the issue on Saturday.

Sumalatha had recently alleged that illegal mining in the vicinity of the KRS had damaged the reservoir.

Around 100 workers of the JDS and supporters of former CM HD Kumaraswamy tried to lay siege to the residence of film producer and Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh's confidante Rockline Venkatesh, on Saturday. The protesters were detained by police.

Houses of 2,000 rowdies raided, drugs, arms seized

Over 100 CCB staff, sniffer squad search Bengaluru Central Prison

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IN a massive operation on Saturday, the Bengaluru City Police raided the houses of over 2,100 rowdies, while the Bengaluru Central Prison was also searched and contraband such as ganja, knives, and mobile phones were confiscated.

The raids, which began early in the morning, were conducted division-wise. Several teams were formed at the police station-level, which raided houses of rowdy-sheeters. Across the city, the homes of 2,144 rowdies were raided and policemen looked for weapons. As many as 1,548 rowdies were paraded and questioned about their activities. During the raids, 91 lethal weapons, about 12 kg of drugs, mobile phones, and vehicles were seized. A total of 409 cases were filed as a preventive measure under the IPC, while 48 cases under the Arms Act, 84 NDPS cases, and two cases of preparation for dacoity were booked following the raids against 561 rowdies.

Police at the home of a rowdy-sheeter. The weapons seized in the cntral jail (right).

Houses of notorious rowdies such as JCB Narayana, Cycle Ravi, Poison Rama, Ashoki, Yuvaraj alias Papa, Eshwar alias Jutta, Kiran Pav, Mahadevaswamy, Praveen alias Bets, Tejas alias Gowda, Tattoo Jagga, Slum Venkatesh, Mardan Khan, Riyaz, Yashwant, Kotha alias Raghu, Asif, Vishnu alias Bhoja, Bullet Raja, BTS Manja, Bairesh, Ballabbi, Ayya, Harish alias Koli Fayaz, Gajji Venkatesha, Ambarisha, Anand alias Kembara, Akshay Kumar, Dagar Raju, Waseem, Afroz, Kuppa, Kanu Kumar and others were raided and searched during the special drive.

Meanwhile, over 100 staffers of the CCB and sniffer squad searched barracks and premises of the Bengaluru Central Prison, seizing two mobile phones, four SIM cards, three pen drives, three memory cards, 26 knives, seven chillums, 200 grams of ganja, and cash Rs 7,710 from notorious inmates.

Minor rescued after falling prey to abuse, traffickers

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A minor girl who escaped sexual abuse at home and a forced marriage by reaching Bengaluru from Bihar a month ago, ended up falling into the hands of sex traffickers in the city. Just as she was being trafficked to an unknown location on a Bihar-bound train on Friday, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel rescued her, a source said.

The Shakti team of the RPF rescued her from the Danapur Express, heading from Bengaluru to Bihar, after it had crossed the Krishnarajapuram railway station. The team was carrying out a raid at around 10.30 am on Friday, when they noticed a 15-year-old girl who looked very frightened. When they spoke to her, she pleaded for help. After much counselling, she revealed that she is a native of Purvi Champaran (Motihari) in Bihar, said a source. "She had run away from home due to repeated sexual harassment and rape by her father. Her mother was aware, but would not intervene," the source added. The teenager also stated that her parents had fixed her marriage and were forcing her to get married, and so she decided to run away.

The girl ended up in the wrong hands in the city. She revealed that in Bengaluru, she was drugged by unknown persons who kept her in a windowless cell for about a month. She was now being trafficked to an unknown destination, when she was spotted by Shakti members. The girl was later handed over to Don Bosco Home for her safety.

HOME-ALONE WOMAN FOUND MURDERED

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A 26-year-old home-alone woman was found murdered in her house in Jnanajyothi Nagar in Jnanabharathi police station limits, on Saturday evening. Police said the incident came to light when the woman's brother-in-law came to the house at around 5.30 pm and found her dead. The deceased had deep cut injuries in her neck and the assailant had tried to make it look like a suicide, by placing the knife in her right hand.

"No valuables have been taken from the house and they are intact. It appears that a known person has murdered the woman for personal reasons," the police added.

Cops on chase hurt in mishap

BENGALURU: A chain-snatching incident, which led to a chase by police personnel, resulted in two accidents, which left four persons, including a policeman, injured on Friday. Police said two bike-borne men robbed a gold chain from one, Manjula, in front of the primary health centre in Sarjapura village around 9 am. A 112 patrolling vehicle chased the miscreants. In a bid to escape, the speeding miscreants knocked down Kamal Mout, a security guard, in Buragunte. Mout sustained injuries, while the miscreants fled. While they were taking Mout to hospital, a scooterist stopped without any indication on Attibele-Sarjapura Road. To avoid hitting him, Mallikarjuna, the driver of the patrol vehicle, lost control, hitting a pole and toppling the vehicle. The pole fell on a goods auto, injuring an occupant. Mallikarjuna was also hurt as a result.

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ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸಮಿತಿ, ಶಿರಸಿಯ 2020-21 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಕ್ರಿಯಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡಿರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ KTPP ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮ 2000 ರಂತೆ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟಿ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅವಧಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತು ಪಡಿಸಿ)	ಟೆಂಡರ ಮಾದರಿ P.W.D. ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ವರ್ಗ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ
1	ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ ಶಿರಸಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದ ಆಯ್ದ ರೋಡ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಕ್ರಾಸ್ ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟೀಕರಣ ಮಾಡುವುದು.	88,36,675.00	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಡಿಕ್ಲರೇಶನ್ ಸಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು	6 ತಿಂಗಳು	KW-3 I ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ
2	ಕೃ. ಉ.ಮಾ. ಸ. ಶಿರಸಿ 2020-21 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಕ್ರಿಯಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಶಿರಸಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ 1) 2 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಗೋದಾಮು ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ 2) ಓವರ್‌ಹೆಡ್ ಟ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ(ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ-I)	63,66,850.00	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಡಿಕ್ಲರೇಶನ್ ಸಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು	6 ತಿಂಗಳು	KW-3 I ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ : 1) ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆ ದಿ: 20-07-2021 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26-07-2021 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ 3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27-07-2021 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ 4) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ, ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 31-07-2021 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ 080-22485867, 25501216 ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ ಶಿರಸಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ನಂ.5, ಮಾ.ಅ.ಯೋ. ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಶಿರಸಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.ಓ

ಸಹಿ/-
ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ
ಕೃ. ಉ. ಮಾ. ಸ. ಶಿರಸಿ(ಉ.ಕ.)

ಸಹಿ/-
ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
ಕೃ. ಉ. ಮಾ. ಸ. ಶಿರಸಿ ಹಾಗೂ
ತಹಶೀಲ್ದಾರ, ಶಿರಸಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕ, ಶಿರಸಿ

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE (2nd Call)

E-procurement T.No.SE(AM)/AP/GNT/Ep/11/2021-22, Dated: 10-7-2021

Online tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer (AM) Guntur from the registered civil/fabrication (steel structure) contractors for cosntruction of Multi Purpose Facilitation Centers (500/1000MT Capacity Godowns) along with drying yards at RBK level across the State of Andhra Pradesh for **Rs.393,82,45,290/-** approximately in Four Packages i.e., (i) **Guntur** (Guntur, Prakasam & Nellore Districts), (ii) **Visakhapatnam** (Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram & Srikakulam Districts), (iii) **Vijayawada** (Krishna, East Godavari and West Godavari Districts) and (iv) **Kadapa** (Kadapa, Kumool, Chittoor and Ananthapuram Districts). Eprocurement site opens on **Dt. 12-07-2021 at 4.00 P.M.** Any other information can be had from the **www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** or from the office of the Superintending Engineer (AM) Guntur. Contact Nos. **9182361156, 9182361421, 9182361199, 9182361369.** (Mail ID : **seamap2017@gmail.com**)

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (AM),
O/o. Commissioner and Director of Agrl. Marketing, Govt. of A.P, Guntur

KASTURBA COLLEGE OF NURSING BHEL
HABIBGANJ,BHEL,BHOPAL-462024
Phone: 0755-2485278,0755-2505370,0755-2505377
(Managed by BHEL Shiksha Mandal)

No.HR-3(2)/KCN/2021 Dated: 11.07.2021

ADMISSION NOTICE

Admissions open in one of the most prestigious Nursing Colleges in Central India. Alumni of the college are representing in every part of the world. Registration is open for Admission to BSc Nursing (4 year Degree) in Kasturba College of Nursing ,BHEL Habibganj, Bhopal. Course offered is for both Male & Female candidates. However, hostel facility is provided only to the female students. Interested candidates may register for Admission in B.Sc Nursing Course by visiting our website **www.bsmbhopal.com** or may collect the prospectus by remitting necessary Fee by hand or by post from the College from 11-7-2021 to 30-09-2021 up to 4.00 PM.

Eligibility: 10+2 Class pass with passed in Physics, Chemistry, Biology(PCB) & English individually and must have obtained a minimum of 45% marks taken together in PCB at the qualifying examination i.e. (10+2). Further 5% relaxation for SC/ST or other backward classes. **Cost of Prospectus/On line Registration Fee**: Rs.350/- (IMPS/NEFT/Cash or DD) by hand for taking Prospectus from the College and also for on line Registration. Charges for Prospectus by Post shall be Rs.400/- through IMPS/NEFT or Demand Draft drawn in favor of **"BHEL Shiksha Mandal A/c of Kasturba College of Nursing"** Bhopal. **Age Limit:** Age between 17 & 22 years on or before 31st December 2021 and relaxable by 3 years in the case of reserved candidates [SC/ST/OBC]. **Last date for submission of application:** 30-09-2021 up to 4.00 PM. For details visit our **website: www.bsmbhopal.com** Or Email us on: **kasturbacollegeofnursing@gmail.com**

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- **Stream SA**: Students enrolled in/planning to join XI Standard (Science Subjects) during the academic year 2021–22 and aspiring to join an undergraduate program in basic sciences (B.Sc/B.S./B.Stat./B.Math./Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S.) during the academic year 2023-24.
- **Stream SX**: Students enrolled in/planning to join XII standard (Science Subjects) during the academic year 2021–22 and aspiring to join an undergraduate program in basic sciences (B.Sc./B.S./B.Stat./B.Math./Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S.) during the academic year 2022-23.
- **Stream SB**: Students enrolled in/planning to join First Year B.Sc./B.S./B.Stat./B.Math./Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S. in basic sciences during the academic year 2021-22.

Rank certificates will also be available to an extended list of candidates.

1	Start of online submission of Application	12th July 2021@ 1700 Hrs.
2	Last date for closing of online Application	25th August 2021
3	KVPY Aptitude Test	7th November 2021

For more details please visit: http:// www.kvpy.iisc.ac.in
Convener, KVPY, IISc, Bengaluru-560 012

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(ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಬಂದರು ಮತ್ತು ಒಳನಾಡು ಜಲಸಾರಿಗೆ ಇಲಾಖೆ)
Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division , Ballari

No.PWD/EE/Bly/TS-3/F-158/2021-22/1391 Date: 07-07-2021

Short Term Tender Notification (Two Cover Sysytem)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department , through e - procurement portal . Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the web-site http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. from 08-07-2021 onwards . For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours .

TABLE

Sl No	Details of Works	Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	KPWD / 2021-22 / RD / WORK _INDENT137091	800.00
2	KPWD / 2021-22 / BG / WORK _INDENT137208	190.00
3	KPWD / 2021-22 / RD / WORK _INDENT137233	150.00
4	KPWD / 2021-22 / RD / WORK _INDENT137478	110.00
5	KPWD / 2021-22 / BD / WORK _INDENT138211	100.00

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions , tenderers can view in e_Procurement Portal

1)	Venue, Date and time of Pre Bid Meeting for the works of Sl No. (1) to (3)	13-07-2021 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari
2)	Last dates for queries (through e-procurement portal)	17-07-2021 upto 12.00 Hours
3)	Last dates for submission of tenders through e-procurement portal	22-07-2021 upto 16.00 Hours
4)	Date and time of Opening of Technical Bids	23-07-2021 at 16.30 Hours n the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD Division ,
Ballari

Chola **CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED**
Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai-600 001
Branch Office: Prestige Libra, 2nd Floor, Municipal No.45, Lalbagh Road, Above Passport office, Bangalore - 560027

POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8 (1)

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited ,under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.
The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.
Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

Sl No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	DETAILS OF PROPERTY POSSESSED	DATE OF POSSESSION
A	B	C	D	E	F
1.	Loan No. X0HLBNA00001494555 1. ARUN KUMAR S 2. FATHIMA MARY J 3. MANIKANDAN SARKUNAM No.18, Renuka Devi Nilayam, Na Babusapalya Ground Floor, Near Gowri School, Bangalore-560043. No.53, 9th Cross, Ramachandra Layout, Kariyanapalya, Lingarajpuram, Bangalore-560084.	22-03-2021	Rs. 64,85,349 as on 10-03-2021	All that piece and parcel of Flat No.106, first floor, measuring 1526Sq.ft of super built up area in SLA Northbrooke along with 414.91Sq.ft of undivided share in southern portion of property bearing portion of present BBMP Khatha No.66/98/4, converted Sy.No.98/4 converted vide bearing ALN.SR.No.286/2004-05, situated at Rachenahalli village ,K.R.Puram Hobli Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore .Presently comes under the limits of BBMP and bounded on: East by :Road formed in Land belong to sampigehalli Ramaiah West by : Land belong to Kempa MMA. North by : Remaining Portion of same property bearing present BBMP khatha No.66/98/4, converted Sy.No.98/4 South by : Land belong to Ramachandrappa	06-07-2021
2.	Loan No. X0HLBNA00002160617 1. BABU K B 2. Savitha K #13,10th Cross, MRS Layout, Sunkadakatte, Bangalore North-560091.	22-03-2021	Rs. 31,17,817 as on 10-03-2021	All that piece and parcel of Western Portion of House bearing No.03, Portion of property No.104 , Assessment No.85/4, Situated at Sreegandakavalu Grama, Yashwanyhpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk BBMP ward No.73, Bangalore. Measuring : East to west: 20-0 Feet and North to south: 30-0 Feet, Totally measuring 600 Square Feet,and Bounded On : East by :Remaining portion of site No.3(Eastern Portion), West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Site No.2, Together with ground floor 6 Square, First Floor 6 Square, Second floor 6 Square total 18 Square, RCC roofing House with civic amenities thereon	06-07-2021
3.	Loan No. X0HLBNA00001896175 1. KRISHNAMURTHY V 2. SUMA N No.6, 3rd Main, 1st Cross, Hoysala Nagar, Bangalore-560016	22-03-2021	Rs. 33,42,718 as on 10-03-2021	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.6, formed in property No.89, Situated at HORAMAVU, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike limits, Banglore: Measuring : East to west: 25 Feet and North to south: 40 Feet, Totally measuring 1000 Square Feet,and Bounded On : East by :Site No.5, West by : Site No.7, North by : 20 Feet wide Road, South by : property belong to A.Muniraju	06-07-2021

Place: Bangalore
Date : 11.07.2021

AUTHORISED OFFICER
M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that, our client Sri. S. Vijayakumar has entered into an Agreement of Sale dated: 15.01.2021, registered as documents No. NMG-1-09155/2020-21, Stored in CD No. NMGD986, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala, with respect to Schedule Properties from its owners V.A.Ravikumar and V.A.Chandrashekar, both are sons of Arasappa, residing at Vaderahalli Village, Matthahalli Post, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Karnataka-562162. The said owners further represent that, they are the true, lawful and absolute joint/co-owners of the Schedule Properties, having acquired the same jointly by virtue of registered Sale Deed dated: 15-05-2015, registered as Document No.NMG-1-01445/2015-16, Stored in C.D. No. NMGD332 and Sale Deed dated: 15-05-2015, registered as Document No.NMG-1-01444/2015-16, Stored in C.D. No. NMGD332, both are registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala respectively.

The above said owners further represent that, they are absolute and joint owners having marketable rights, title and interest in the Schedule Properties hereunder, and that apart from them there are no other persons having any right or claim over the Schedule Properties and they have furthers represent that, they have not entered into any Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding/ Deeds etc., and further they have not mortgaged, created any lien or encumbered with respect to the Schedule Properties hereunder or any part thereof in any manner whatsoever, with any person/s or firm or company. If any person/s having objection/s, claims shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within 10 (Ten) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which our clients shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction, covered under the said Agreement of Sale.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

SCHEDULE-A

All that Piece and Parcel of the dry agricultural land bearing Sy. No.34/1 (Old Sy. No.34) measuring to an extent of 2 Acres 07.00.00 Guntas, excluding 03.00.00 Guntas Kharab, in all totally measuring to an extent of 2 Acres 10.00.00 guntas, situated at, Jakkanahalli Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on;

East by : Land belongs to Indo Gas Raju and Land in Sy.No.35/4,
West by : Land belongs to Baskarappa And Gangabyrappa,
North by : Road and Land in Sy.No. 35/4,
South by : Land belongs to Drakshayanamma.

SCHEDULE-B

All that Piece and Parcel of the dry agricultural land bearing Sy. No.35/4 (Old Sy. No.35) measuring to an extent of 36.00 Guntas excluding 0.04.12.00 Guntas Kharab, in all totally measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 04.12.00 guntas, situated at, Jakkanahalli Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on;

East by : Land belongs to Indo Gas Raju,
West by : Land in Sy.No. 34/1,
North by : Road,
South by : Land in Sy.No.34/1.

Sd/- **V.N. Rudresha,**
R & R Associates
Advocates & Solicitors
No. 90/1, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, Malleshwaram Circle, SampigeRoad, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-03.
Mobile No: 9880435398 Date: 10-07-2021

M.P. POORV KSHETRA VIDYUT VITARAN CO. LTD.

Block No. 8, SHAKTI BHAWAN, RAMPUR, JABALPUR (M.P.)
CIN : U40109MP2002SGC015120
Tel No: 0761 2702473

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No. CGM/PUR/EZ/GM-I/II/499 Jabalpur, dtd: 29.06.2021

TENDER NOTICE

Online Tender are invited for following services:-

Sr. No.	Tender Specification No.	NAME OF WORK	APPROX. VALUE (Rs. in Lakhs)	TENDER FEE (in Rs.)	Due date & time of opening of tender online (*)
1	TS NO. 1161 (E-Tender No. 2021_ PKWC_148903_1)	Engagement of Payment Service Provider (PSP) for online collection of energy bills of LT and HT Consumers of the Company and Charges against other services through various Digital modes of payment including Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) of NPCI	1215.40	11,800.00	14.07.2021

For other details visit our website: www.mpez.co.in & mptenders.gov.in

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Ph: 08182 229933/ 264199, Fax: 08182 264100 Web site: www.sims-shimoga.com
No:SIMS/Store/Tender/2021-22 Date: 08.07.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

Procuring of following Medical equipments and Furniture's Through E-Procurement with two cover system.

Sl NO	Tender No. & Date	Name of the Item
1	No. SIMS/Store/HNS/TNDR/37/2021-22, Dated: 06.07.2021	Procurement of **COVID** And Non **COVID** Disposables Items **(HNS)**
2	No. SIMS/Store/Drugs/TNDR/38/2021-22, Dated: 06.07.2021	Procurement of **COVID** And Non **COVID** Drugs Items.
3	No. SIMS/Store/L.Chem/TNDR/39/2021-22, Dated: 08.07.2021	Procurement of Central Lab Chemical Items.

Bid documents available for Sl. No. 01 and 02 Items are from 09.07.2021 to 23.07.2021 at 5PM and Sl. No. 03 items are from 15.07.2021 to 29.07.2021 at 5.00pm. **Opening of bid document for Sl. No. 01, 02, on 27.07.2021 and Sl. No. 03 on 31.07.2021 at 10.30AM,** The tenders can be obtained through e-procurement from the tendering website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further bidders can take assistance with e-procurement help desk at : 080-25501216, 25501227

Sd/- Director/Dean
Shivamogga Institute of Medical Sciences,
Shivamogga.

DIPR/SMG/No.50-07 zenkar/2021-22

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties))

Whereas, the under signed being the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, Cooke Town Branch,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notices dated calling upon the following Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest / cost etc,. **within 60 days** from the date of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower under.

1. Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagers : M/s Al Hayy Raees Fabrics, Prop: Mrs. Layeekha Sultana, residing at No. 4007, Panjatan House, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, Muniveerappa Layout, near Ganapathi Temple, A C Post, Shampur, Bengaluru-560045, **(Guarantor) Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed** residing at No.4007, Panjatan House, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, Muniveerappa Layout, Near Ganapathi Temple, A C Post, Shampur, Bengaluru-560045.

Demand notice dated : 09.04.2021 Possession Notice Date : 08.07.2021

Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs.29,04,947.41 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Seven and Forty One Paise Only) and interest thereon.

Description of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.41, Sy. No.6/1, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, Arabic College Post, Muniveerappa Township, Shampura Village, Bengaluru North Taluk in the name of Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Khan S/o Mr. Nizamuddin Sahib measuring East to West: 40 Ft., and North to South: 30 Ft., and bounded on East by: Site No.9 of 2nd Main Road, West by: 1st Main Road, North by: Site No.40, South by: Site No.42.

2. Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagers: 1) M/s Project Craft Solutions, having its office at No.194, Opp. Angadi Galleria, Near Bhashyam Circle, Sadashivanagar Main Road, Bengaluru **(Guarantor) Mr. Pradeep Kumar P** residing at 7A, Nandi Durga Road, Marappa Garden, Bangalore. **2) M/s V S Infra Pvt Ltd.,** having its office at No.194, opp Angadi Galleria, Near Bhashyam Circle, Sadashivanagar Main Road, Bengaluru **(Guarantor), Mr. Pradeep Kumar P** residing at 7A, Nandi Durga Road, Marappa Garden, Bangalore.

Demand notice dated : 09.04.2021 Possession Notice Date : 08.07.2021

Total amount mentioned in the notice: 1) M/s Project Craft Solutions: Rs.2,12,98,705.41 (Rupees Two Crores Twelve Lakhs Ninety Eight thousand Seven Hundred Five and Forty One Paise Only) and interest thereon.

Total amount mentioned in the notice 2) M/s V S Infra Pvt Ltd., : Rs.2,63,91,615.74 (Rupees Two Crores Sixty Three Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen and Seventy Four Paise Only) and interest thereon.

Descripti on of Secured Assets: Site bearing PID No.92-1-48/2, Nandidurga Road, Ward No.92, Bengaluru, Site measuring 57 Ft by 120 Ft., in all measuring 6840 Sq. Ft., in the name of Mr. Pradeep Kumar P bounded on: East by: Sy. No. 110, West by: Private Property, North by: Gramtana, South by: Nandidurga Road.

The above borrowers / Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with the rule 8 of the said Rules on above dates. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Cooke Town Branch** for the amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued thereon cost.

Date : 08.07.2021 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore Union Bank of India

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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EAST COAST RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. VSKP-ELECTG-21-22-WC-4, Dt.: 06.07.2021

Name of the Work : RATE REPAIR CONTRACT FOR COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF 1.5/2 TON WINDOW ACs, SPLIT ACs & WATER COOLERS AT VISAKHAPATNAM SETTLEMENT IN WALTAIR DIVISION FOR 2 YEARS.

Tender Value : ₹ 37,00,892.40, Cost of tender document: 3,540/-, Completion Period: 2 years.

Tender closing date and time : at 1330 hrs. of 04.08.2021. **Date & Time of opening of tenders:** at 1600 hrs. of 04.08.2021.

Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Complete details & tender documents will be available at website **www.ireps.gov.in**

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G),
PR-206/M/21-22 Waltair

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POSSESSION NOTICE [(APPENDIX IV) RULE 8(1)]

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Fullerton India Home Finance Company Limited** a Housing Finance Company [duly registered with National Housing Bank (Fully Owned by RBI)] (hereinafter referred to as **"FIHFCL"**) having its registered office at Megh Towers, Floor 3, Old No. 307, New No. 165, Poonamallee High Road, Maduravoyal, Chennai, Tamilnadu-600095 under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002), and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated mentioned below under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon you being the borrowers (names and addresses mentioned below) to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers mentioned herein below having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers mentioned herein below and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrowers mentioned here in above in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with said property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Fullerton India Home Finance Company Limited for an amount as mentioned herein under and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) & Loan Account Number	Description of Immovable Property	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1)	**Loan Account Number: 601007210618637** **1) Kumaraswamy, S/o. Krishnamurthy,** **2) Sindhu, W/o. Kumaraswamy,** **3) Sree Sumathi Stores, Prop. Kumaraswamy,** **4) Pooja Enterprises, through its Prop. Sindhu** Add. 1: No. 439, 7th Cross, 6th Main, Mico Layout, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560076, Add. 2: Immovable Property being the residential Vacant site No. 25, formed in converted Sy No. 34/1A1, 34/1A8 and 34/1A9, V P Katha No. 1573/1572/34/1A8, situated at Konappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengalore South Taluk - 560076, Add. 3: No. 439/2, 7th Cross, 6th Main, Mico Layout, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560076.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property being the residential Vacant site No. 25, formed in converted Sy No. 34/1A1, 34/1A8 and 34/1A9, V P Katha No. 1573/1572/34/1A8, situated at Konappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengalore South taluk, measuring East to West- 50 Feet and North to South- 30 Feet, Totally Measuring 1500 Sq.Ft. within the **boundaries: East By-** Road; **West By-** Site No. 55; **North By-** Site No. 46; **South By-** Site No. 44.	**Date:** 03.04.2021 **Rs. 85,60,025/-** (Rupees Eighty Five Lakhs Sixty Thousand Twenty Five Only)	Date of Possession: **05.07.2021**
2)	**Loan Account Number: 601007510139072** **1) N Pradeep, S/o. Nathan Arul,** **2) Sneha Pradeep, W/o. Pradeep** Add. 1: No. 28, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Behind Canara Bank, Viveknagar, Bangalore - 560047, Add. 2: Property Bearing No. 4, Old No. 28, Situated at 2nd Cross, Viveknagar (erlier Sonnenahlli 2nd Cross), Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 71, PID No. 71-11-4, Bangalore - 560047.	All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 4, Old No. 28, Situated at 2nd Cross, Viveknagar (erlier Sonnenahlli 2nd Cross), Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 71, PID No. 71-11-4, Measuring East to West- 7.72 Mtrs., North to South- 6.09 Mtrs., in all 47.014 Sq.Mtrs., along with building constructed therein within the **boundaries: East By-** Property Old No. 51; **West By-** Road; **North By-** Property Old No. 27; **South By-** Property Old No. 29.	**Date:** 03.04.2021 **Rs. 9,86,133/-** (Rupees Nine Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty Three Only)	Date of Possession: **05.07.2021**
3)	**Loan Account Number: 601007210348379** **1) Syed Ilyas Ahamed, S/o. Syed Riyaz Ahamed,** **2) Tharanum Sulthan, W/o. Syed Riyaz Ahamed,** **3) Syed Imtiyaz Ahmed, S/o. Syed Riyaz Ahamed,** **4) Karnataka Egg Center, through its Properietors Syed Ilyas Ahamed,** Add. 1: No. 32, 2nd Floor, 4th Cross, Shivaji Road, Bangalore - 560051, Add. 2: Property No. 101, Old No. 55, PID No. 80-06-101, Mackan Road, Bharathi Nagar Division, Bangalore - 560051, Add. 3: No. 43, 2nd Street, Shivaji Nagar, Shivaji Road, Bangalore - 560051.	All that piece and parcel of Property No. 101, Old No. 55, PID No. 80-06-101, measuring East to West- 24.3 Ft. and North to South- 51 Ft. in Total measuring 1226.5 Sq.Ft., situated at Mackan Road, Bharathi Nagar Division, Bangalore, Under the Jurisdiction of BBMP within the **boundaries: East By-** Eastern Portion of Same Property; **West By-** Mackan Road; **North By-** Q-No. 4th Street; **South By-** Private Property Bearing No. 102, Macjen Road.	**Date:** 03.04.2021 **Rs. 1,16,44,844/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Four Only)	Date of Possession: **05.07.2021**
4)	**Loan Account Number: 601007510551229** **1) Amuda K, W/o. Ravi,** **2) Ravi, S/o. Ponga Swamy** Add. 1: #1551, Munishwara Temple, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Reddy Palya, Vimanapura, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560017, Add. 2: Property bearing No. 1551, SI No. 618, Situated at 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Reddy Palya, Vibhuthipura Dakhale, KR Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 87, Bangalore - 560017, Add. 3: Amudha Enterprises, Shop No. 247, Hal Market, Weltarre Legal & State Department, Bangalore - 560017.	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No. 1551, SI No. 618, Situated at 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Reddy Palya, Vibhuthipura Dakhale, KR Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Presentaly under BBMP Ward No. 87, measuring East to West- 25 Ft. and North to South- 40 Ft., in all measruing 1000 Sq.Ft., it also consisits of AC Sheet RCC Roofed House Measuring 680 Sq.Ft. with all civic amenities within the **boundaries: East By-** House Property belongs to Mr. Willam; **West By-** 6 feet Passage; **North By-** House property belongs to Mrs. Puttamm; **South By-** House Property belongs to Gowda.	**Date:** 08.04.2021 **Rs. 26,88,691/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One Only)	Date of Possession: **05.07.2021**
5)	**Loan A/c. No.: 601007510234993 & 601007210234969** **1) Umesh N,** S/o. Narasaramaraju **2) Nagalakshmi J,** W/o. Janardhanaraju **3) Sri Sai Enterprises,** through its Properietor Umesh Add. 1: No. 23, Ground Floor, Dhatatraya Nagar, 2nd Main Road, BSK 3rd Stage, Hosakerehalli, Bangalore - 560085, Add. 2: Property Corporation No. 23 (Old No. 2B), PID No. 55-229-23, Dattatreyanagar, 2nd Main Road, Hosakerehalli, Banashakari 3rd Stage, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk - 560085.	All that Piece and Parcel of Property Corporation No. 23 (Old No. 2B), PID No. 55-229-23, Dattatreyanagar, 2nd Main Road, Hosakerehalli, Banashakari 3rd Stage, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk - 560085, **Bounded on: East by-** Road; **West by-** Road; **North by-** Property No. 1A; **South by-** Property No. 1C.	**Date:** 06.04.2021 **Rs. 1,97,32,275/-** (Rupees One Crore Ninety Seven Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five Only)	Date of Possession: **06.07.2021**
6)	**Loan A/c. No.: 601007210370346** **1) S Padmavathi,** W/o. Somashekar **2) B Somashekar,** S/o. Basavaraju **3) Criative Corporate Clothing,** through its Properietor S Padmavathi Add. 1: #33, 2nd Floor, Adhilakshmi Nilaya, 9th Main Road, Shivanagar, West of Chord Power House Bangalore - 560010, Add. 2: House List No. 39, Katha Old No. 64/1, New No. 1109, Chikkabanavara Village, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk - 560010, Add. 3: #56, 9th Main Road, West of Cord Road, Rajaji Nagar, Shivanagar, Banaglaore - 560010.	All that piece and parcel of House List No. 39, Katha Old No. 64/1, New No. 1109, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 41 Feet in Total measuring 1230 Sq.Ft., Situated at Chikkabanavara Village, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Under the Jurisdiction of Chikkabanavara Grama Panchyath within the, and **Bounded on: East by-** Private Property; **West by-** Property Bearing No. 38; **North by-** Roaf; **South by-** Private Property.	**Date:** 03.04.2021 **Rs. 70,85,420/-** (Rupees Seventy Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Only)	Date of Possession: **06.07.2021**
7)	**Loan A/c. No.: 601007210325082** **1) Shivakumar K H,** S/o. Hombi Chikkaiah **2) S Lakshmi,** W/o. Shivanna **3) Hitech Polyurethane Products,** through its Properietor Shivakumar K H Add. 1: #5, 1st Main Uttarahalli Main Road, Sarvebhavna Nagar Chikkalasandra, Banagalore - 560061, Add. 2: Flat No. 412, 4th Floor, Tower-2 in the project known as Sindhu Amazon, Survey No. 79/8, Bellandur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East - 560061, Add. 3: # 14/2, 8th Cross, Magadi Main Road, Vrushabavathi Nagar, Bhadrappa Industrial area, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore - 560079.	All that piece and parcel of Flat No. 412, 4th Floor, Tower-2 in the project known as Sindhu Amazon, measuring 1588 Sq.Ft., of Built-up area with car parking space along with 379 Sq.Ft., of Undevided share in Converted Survey No. 79/8, measuring 1 Acre 38 guntas, situated at Bellandur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk under the jurisdiction of BBMP and the residential apartment and **Bounded on: East by-** Property Belongs to Narayanareddy and his Children; **West by-** Property belongs to Kooni Venkataswamy Reddy and Children; **North by-** Property Belongs to C Ramesh; **South by-** Property Belongs to M/s. Golden Gates and Road.	**Date:** 03.04.2021 **Rs. 88,40,359/-** (Rupees Eighty Eight Lakhs Forty Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine Only)	Date of Possession: **06.07.2021**
8)	**Loan A/c. No.: 601007510224348** **1) Pillappa Muniraju,** S/o. S Pillappa **2) Hemavathi N,** W/o. Muniraju **3) Vaishnavi Enterprises,** through its Properietor Pillappa Muniraju Add. 1: #58, Hirandahalli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore - 560049, Add. 2: Site No. 3, Khata No. 229, Property No. 58, situated at Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore - 560049.	All that piece and parcel of Site No. 3, Khata No. 229, Property No. 58, situated at Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Under the limit of Bidarahalli Village Panchayt, measuring East to West- 40 Feet, North to South- 98 Feet, in all 3920 Sq.Ft., along with building constructe therein within the **boundaries: East by-** Site No. 4; **West by-** Site No. 2; **North by-** Meanan's Property; **South by-** 25 feet wide Road.	**Date:** 08.04.2021 **Rs. 68,54,142/-** (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakh Fifty Four Thousand One Hundred Forty Two Only)	Date of Possession: **06.07.2021**
9)	**Loan A/c. No.: 601007510487562** **1) A Moses,** S/o. Yagappa Anthony Swamy **2) Maria,** W/o. A Moses **3) St. Mary's Construction,** through its Properietor A Moses Add. 1: No. 8/5-1, 5th Cross, Hutchins Road, St. Thomas Town, Lingrajpuram, Bangalore - 560084, Add. 2: Residential Property bearing Site No. 56, Formed in Sy. No. 37, Katha No. 64, Maragondanahalli Village, Bidarahalli hobli, erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk - 560084, Add. 3: #8/5, 5th Cross, Hutchins Road, St. Thomas Town, Lingrajpuram, Bangalore - 560084.	All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing site No. 56, Formed in Sy No. 37, Katha No. 64 and situated at Maragondanahalli Village, Bidarahalli hobli, erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk now Comes under limits of Maragondanahalli Grama Panchayath measuring East to West- 30 Ft. and North to South- 40 Ft. in all measuring 1200 Sq.Ft., Together with 2 square ACC Roofed housed conftructed thereon, Red Oxide Flooring and Doors and Windows are made u of jungle wood with civic amenities and bounded on the within the **boundaries: East by-** Site No. 55; **West by-** Site No. 57; **North by-** Site No. 53; **South by-** 30 Feet Road.	**Date:** 06.04.2021 **Rs. 29,15,829/-** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Nine Only)	Date of Possession: **06.07.2021**
10)	**Loan A/c. No.: 601007210512643** **1) M Suresh,** S/o. Mallappa **2) Shilpa K,** W/o. M Suresh Add. 1: #999, 7th A Main, Opp to Wipro Park, Koramangala, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560034, Add. 2: Site No. 827, Katha No. 827/216, Property No. 216, Shree Renukayellamma block, Situated at Hullahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District - 560034, Add. 3: DCNET Solutions India Pvt. Ltd., No. 252, 1st Floor, 6th Main, 7th Cross, Mico Layout, Stage 2, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560076.	All that piece and parcel of Site No. 827, Katha No. 827/216, Property No. 216, measuring East to West- 40 Feet and North to South- 30 feet in Total measuring 1200 Sq.Ft., in the layout Knows as Shree Renukayellamma Block, Situated at Hullahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District within the **boundaries: East by-** Road; **West by-** Site No. 820; **North by-** Site No. 826; **South by-** Site No. 828.	**Date:** 03.04.2021 **Rs. 45,52,045/-** (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Forty Five Only)	Date of Possession: **06.07.2021**
11)	**Loan A/c. No.: 601007510243083** **1) Murali Mohan Siddaiah,** S/o. Siddaiah **2) Siddaiah,** S/o. Oblappa **3) K S Narasimha Murthy** Add. 1: No. 3, 3rd Floor, 3rd Main, 7th B Cross, Jakkasandra, Koramangala 1st Block, Banglaore - 560034, Add. 2: Property Bearing No. 3 Situated at 7th B Cross, Jakkasandra Layout, Begur, BBMP Ward No. 66, PID No. 66-127-3, (Old No. 129/3, Begur Village /Hobli, Bengalore South Taluk), Banglaore - 560034, Add. 3: Eashaa Corporate Services, #D2/32, Lumbini Apartments, Koramangala, 1st Block, Bangalore - 560034, Add. 4: #59/2, 2nd main, 2nd Cross, Jakkasandra, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034.	All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing No. 3 Situated at 7th B Cross, Jakkasandra Layout, Begur, BBMP Ward No. 66, PID No. 66-127-3, (Old No. 129/3, Begur Village / Hobli, Bengalore South Taluk), measuring East-West: 16 ft., North to South: 38 ft., in all 608 Sq.Ft. along with building constructed therein within the **boundaries: East by-** Private Property; **West by-** Private Property; **North by-** Private Property; **South by-** Road.	**Date:** 03.04.2021 **Rs. 25,64,660/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Only)	Date of Possession: **06.07.2021**
12)	**Loan A/c. No.: 601007210351047** **1) Kanhyalal,** S/o. Mohanlalji **2) Pistha Devi,** D/o. Ratanlalji **3) Tamanna Enterprises,** through its Prop. Kanhyalal Add. 1: #78, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Sunny Township Layout, Maragondanahalli, Bangalore - 560036, Add. 2: Site No. 5, Assessment No. 3696, situated at Maragondanahlli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk - 560036, Add. 3: No. 15, Muthappa Industrial Estate, Opp. TTK Prestige, Old Madras Road, Bangalore - 560016.	All that piece & parcel of Site No. 5, Assessment No. 3696, Measuring East to West- 30 Feet & North to South- 38 Feet in Total Measuring 1140 Sq.Ft., situated at Maragondanahlli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Under the Jurisdiction of Bidarahalli Grama Panchyath within the **boundaries: East by-** Site No. 6; **West by-** Site No. 4; **North by-** Private Property; **South by-** Road.	**Date:** 03.04.2021 **Rs. 24,79,939/-** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Nine Only)	Date of Possession: **06.07.2021**
13)	**Loan A/c. No.: 601007510131165** **1) Chethan Kumar M,** S/o. Muniraju **2) Leelavathi,** W/o. Muniraju Add. 1: #72, Kuvempu Road, B Channasandra, Bangalore - 560043, Add. 2: Eastern Portion of Old Gramathana No. 72, Situated at Old B Channasandra Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 84, PID No. 84-77-72/1, Bangalore - 560043.	All that piece and parcel of Eastern Portion of Old Gramathana No. 72, Situated at Old B, Channasandra Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Now Under the limit of BBMP Ward No. 84, PID No. 84-77-72/1, measuring East to West- 12 Feet, North to South- 25 Feet, in all 300 Sq.Ft. within the **boundaries: East by-** Sri. Krishnapp's House; **West by-** Remaining Western Portion of Sri. Lakshmaiah's Property; **North by-** Govt. Road; **South by-** Late Mota Muniyapp's House.	**Date:** 17.04.2021 **Rs. 10,40,021/-** (Rupees Ten Lakh Forty Thousand Twenty One Only)	Date of Possession: **06.07.2021**
14)	**Loan A/c. No.: 601007510491297** **1) Naveen V,** S/o. Vadivelu Subramani **2) Praveen V,** S/o. Vadivelu Subramani **3) Raghavendra Chips,** through its Prop. Naveen V Add. 1: No. 45, 3rd Main Road, C Cross, JC Nagar, Near Rajiv Gandhi School, Lageere, Bangalore - 560058, Add. 2: Site Bearing No. 497, Assessment No. 14, BBMP Ward No. 40, Andrahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk - 560058, Add. 3: No. 511, 3rd Main Road, Near Thirumala Palace, Laggere, Bangalore - 560058.	All that piece and parcel of Site Bearing No. 497, Assessment No. 14, BBMP Ward No. 40, Measuring East-West: 30 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet in all measuring 1200 Sq.Ft., situated in Andrahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk within the **boundaries: East by-** Site No. 496; **West by-** Site No. 498; **North by-** Others Property; **South by-** Road.	**Date:** 08.04.2021 **Rs. 23,17,858/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Eight Only)	Date of Possession: **06.07.2021**
15)	**Loan A/c. No.: 601007210355569 & 601007510385581** **1) Venkatesh H R,** S/o. Ramegowda **2) Lakshmi A,** W/o. Venkatesh Add. 1: No. 5, 1st Cross, Nanjundeshwara Layout, Kodigehalli, Bangalore - 560091, Add. 2: Varaprada Power System, #54, Muneshwara Layout Magadi Main Road, Chikkagollarahatti, Bangalore - 560091, Add. 3: Eastern Portion of the Site No. 05, Assessment No. 24/4, Bearing old Khatha No. 5, Present Khatha No. 1101, Situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yashwantapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk - 560091.	All that piece and parcel of Eastern Portion of the Site No. 05, Assessment No. 24/4, Bearing old Khatha No. 5, Present Khatha No. 1101, Situated at kodigehalli Village, Yashwantapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk - 560091, Presently comes under Kodigehalli Gram Panchayath Limits, Measuting East to West- 15 Ft & North to South- 40Ft in total 600 Sq.Ft., within the **boundaries: East by-** Site No. 6; **West by-** Remaining Western Portion of Site No. 5; **North by-** Site No. 2; **South by-** Road.	**Date:** 03.04.2021 **Rs. 25,91,620/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Only)	Date of Possession: **06.07.2021**
16)	**Loan A/c. No.: 601007210312460** **1) Manjula K V,** W/o. A V Ashwatha Narayana Reddy **2) A V Ashwatha Narayana Reddy,** S/o. Venkateshappa Add. 1: MIJ 12, Katha No. 12731, Hoskote Town, KHB C/o, Bangalore - 562114, Add. 2: Site No. 33, Katha No. 864/441/33, Thirumalashettihalli Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Samethanahalli Village Panchyat, RPID No. 150300402500120671, Bangalore - 562114, Add. 3: GHPS Primary School, Muthasandra, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural - 562114, Add. 4: GULPS Primary School, Thirthahalli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore - 562114.	All that piece and parcel of Site No. 33, Katha No. 864/441/33, Thirumalashettihalli Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Under the limits of Samethanahalli Village Panchyat, RPID No. 150300402500120671, measuring East-West: 30 Feet, North to South: 40 Feet, in all 1200 Sq.Ft, along with building constructed therein within the **boundaries: East by-** N Shivappa's Property; **West by-** Private Property; **North by-** Pushpa's Property; **South by-** Road.	**Date:** 08.04.2021 **Rs. 66,83,584/-** (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Four Only)	Date of Possession: **06.07.2021**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 09.07.2021

Sd/-
Authorized Officer,
Fullerton India Home Finance Company Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client represents **Mr. Vishwanatha .M,** S/o Mr. Muniraju and **Mrs. Premavathi,** W/o. Mr. Vishwanatha .M, R/o. No. 89, Anugraha Layout, Hoodi, Kodigehalli Road, Bangalore, have represented that they are absolute co-owners in respect of the Schedule property and they have lost original Khata Certificate dated 30-04-2014, BDA Khata No.BDA/RO(W)K.V.Sy/247/2014-15 pertaining to the title of the schedule property has been lost/misplaced and the same is not traceable.

It is further represented that the said original Khata Certificate dated 30-04-2014, BDA Khata No.BDA/RO(W)K.V.Sy/247/2014-15 is not been pledged/mortgaged nor has any lien been created on any financial institutions on the lost original Khata Certificate and no other person/s have any authority to hold the said Title Deed. Any person/s holding the said General Power of Attorney dated 16-04-2015 may kindly return the same to the undersigned and will be suitably rewarded.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property being a vacant **Site No.247,** BDA Khata, measuring East to West : 50 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, **totally measuring 1500 Sq.Ft.,** in the layout known as **"KNS ANIRVAN",** formed as per the Layout Plan issued by BDA vide No.BDA/TPM/PRL-31/2011-12/5082/2012-13, Dt.14.12.2012 formed in Sy.Nos. 74/3 and 74/4, situated at **Kannalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and bounded as follows :-

East by : Site Nos.237 & 238, West by : Road North by : Site No.246, South by : Site No.248

Mr. Sadashiva M.H.
---ADVOCATE--- KRM LAW FIRM
No.802/618, "AMMA", 6th Main, 2nd Stage, 9th Block, Nagarabhavi Bangalore-560072. Ph : 9980816715
Email: sadashivamh@gmail.com
BANGALORE DATED : 10.07.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my client Mr. Prasad Paple. V. s/o Late Mr. Paple Vishnu Babu, R/at No. 396, Sree Homes Elite, Flat No. G-2, 8th Cross, 6th Main, Vijaya Bank Layout, B.G. Road, Bangalore -76, intend to purchase the SCHEDULE PROPERTY from Mrs. Fehmida Iyer Visnagarwala D/o Mr. Saifuddin Hasanally, R/at No. D2-1002, L& T South City, Arekere Mico Layout, Bangalore -76, who represents that she is the sole and absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and that the Schedule Property is free from all kinds of encumbrances whatsoever and that there are no third party claims or rights on the Schedule Property.

Any person/s having any claim/s over the Schedule Property or having any objection/s about the above mentioned transaction may write to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary evidence, on which they are basing their claim, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s, objection/s of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Residential property bearing **No. 571/218/71** (Old No. 71) sites formed in converted Sy. No. 50/1 situated at Yelenahalli Village, Begur Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: **40-0 ft** and North to South: **60-0 ft** along with the existing building with civic amenities, presently coming within the jurisdiction of BBMP WARD No.192, together with all appurtenances whatsoever, whether situated on, below or above the surface, and bounded on the:

East by : Property No. 70
West by : Property No. 72
North by : Property No. 66
South by : Road

M. MUNEGOWDA,
Advocate and Consultant
No. 64/1, 2nd Floor, S.M. Plaza, Dr. D.V.G. Road, Basavanagudi Bangalore-04.
Ph: 9342878205 Dated: 10/07/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Is to Inform the general public that my client **Smt. SHEELADEVI, W/o Gowrishankar, No.25/A, Grama Devatha Road, near Lalbagh West Gate, Chikkamavalli, Bengaluru-560004** has agreed to purchase the below mentioned schedule Property from **Mr. DINESH KUMAR JAISWAL, S/o Shivaprasad, No.189/169, #12, C/o Srinivasa Someshwara Temple Street, Opp. M.G. School, K.C. Halli Road, Bilekahalli, Bengaluru,** who declares and represent that he is the absolute owner in actual possession and enjoyment of the **schedule property.**

Any person/s having any manner of right, title or interest in or over the schedule property, are hereby call upon to lodge their claims or objections with the undersigned in writing with supporting documents within **07 (seven)** days from the date of this publication. If no such objections or claims are not received within the said period, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property and the claims received after the said period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the immoveable house property **bearing Site No.2** and **Western portion of Site No.3, Property No.2/2,** situated at **Bettadasanapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk,** measuring **East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet,** totally measuring **1200 sq.feet,** consisting of ground, first and second floor, RCC roofed building with all civic amenities and bounded on: East by: remaining portion of Site No.3, West by: Site No.1, North by:20feet wide Road, South by: Property belongs to Papamma.

M. RAMCHANDRAPPA, Advocate
No.73/1, 27th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore-560002.
Mob. No. 9845826988
Dated: 10-07-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my clients Mr. B.V. Krishnamurthy, Mr. B.V. Nagesh and Mr. B.V. Shankar Guptha, all are R/at No. 14, 12th Cross, Bendre Nagar, Kadirenahalli BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore -70 intends to purchase the Agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 38/3(Old Sy. No. 38/1) measuring 1 acre 01 gunta, situated at Hosakote Village, Harohalli Hobli Kanakapura Taluk, from Mrs. Shashikala M.G. w/o Mr. S.G. Murthy, Aadhaar No. 6866 1509 5660, Smt. M.G. Kamala @ Kamala Somaiah W/o Mr. Chinnasomaiah Aadhaar No. 9761 1205 7895, who represents that they are the sole and absolute owners in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and that the Schedule Property is free from all kinds of encumbrances whatsoever and that there are no third party claims or rights on the Schedule Property.

Any person/s having any claim/s over the Schedule Property or having any objection/s about the above mentioned transaction may write to the undersigned within 7(Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary evidence, on which they are basing their claim, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s, objection/s of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Agricultural land bearing **Sy. No. 38/3** (Old Sy. No. 38/1) measuring 1 acre 01 gunta, situated at Hosakote Village, Harohalli Hobli Kanakapura Taluk together with all appurtenances whatsoever, whether situated on, below or above the surface, and bounded on the

East by : Property of Dr. Nayak
West by : Bangalore –Kanakapura Main Road
North by : Lands bearing Sy. No. 38/1
South by : Harohalli Boundary & Masjid Land

M. MUNEGOWDA,
Advocate and Consultant
No. 64/1, 2nd Floor, S.M. Plaza, Dr. D.V.G. Road, Basavanagudi Bangalore-04.
Ph: 9342878205 Dated: 10/07/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that, my client Mr.Subramani G.R., S/o. Mr. G.A. Ramaiah, Aged about 50 Years, residing at No 68, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main , 'Fern City', Doddanekundi, Mahadevapura Post, Bangalore-560037, has lost the "Original Registered Sale deed dated 30-06-2000 executed by Mr.Vijaya Kumar and others in favour of Mr.Anand J.A. D'Souza and Mrs.Felcita D'Souza and the document is registered as No.3027/2000-01 at Pages 193 to 201 in Volume No.1661 of Book-I in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapura, Bangalore", nearby Corporation Circle, while going to City Railway Station, Bangalore, on 03-07-2021 nearby Corporation Circle, Bangalore. He has lodged a Police Complaint on 06-07-2021 with Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police, in that behalf and got the acknowledgement.

The above said original document pertains to the property bearing Site No.68, Present BBMP Khata No.419, Old No.385/68, formed out of converted land bearing Survey No.19/2, in the layout called as "FERNS CITY", situated at Doddanekkundi, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, now comes within the limits, of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring East to West 35 Feet and North to South 60 Feet, measuring in all 2100 square feet and bounded on the East by Site No.67, West by Site No.69, North by Road and South by Site No.80.

The General Public are hereby informed that if any person holding/trace out the above said Original Sale deed may inform to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this notice.

If any person/s or any bank or any financial institution having any charge, lien, right, title or interest over the above said property should inform the undersigned with the relevant documentary evidence in person within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the title of the above said property will be presumed to be clear and marketable and my client will go further in respect of the said property.

[Gopalkrishna R. Hegde], Advocate.
No.231, II Floor, S.C.Road, Bengaluru-560009
(O) 080-22202917 (M) 94482 61617.
Bangalore. Date: 08-07-2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, my Client Sri. VIKRAM MALHOTRA, Aged about 46 years, S/o Sri.Prakash Chand Malhotra, residing at No.41, WordPar International, Basappa Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore-560 027, have entered into the Sale Agreement on 08-07-2021, to purchase the under mentioned schedule property from Smt.LAKSHMAMMA, W/o Late Venkatesh, Sri.V.PUNEETH S/o Late Venkatesh, Vendors and Sri. M.S.PRASAD, and D.VASANTHA KUMAR Developers and agreement holders for TRINCO-MANVANTHARA, any person/s, Bank/ society/ Firm or anybody having any rights, title, interest or claims by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, release, trust, inheritance, banquets, possession, lease, easement or otherwise over the schedule property or any portion thereof, they may file their objection/s with documentary proof within 10 (Ten) days from the date of Publication of this Notice with the under signed, failing which it is deemed that there is no impediment to complete the sale transaction and which shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents and purposes, my client will proceed on the basis, that there are no claims/interest whatsoever in nature and it will be finalized.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing Site No.33, BBMP Khata No. 48/94/7/15-33, TRINCO-MANVANTHARA, formed in the land bearing Sy No.7/15, situated at Uttarahalli Manavarthekaval Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, this site comes under BBMP Ward No. 198, Hemmigepura,

MEASURING: EAST TO WEST : 50'-0" feet,
NORTH TO SOUTH : 30'-0" feet,
Total: 1500 Square feet,
AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:
EAST BY : Road, WEST BY : Site No.30,
NORTH BY: Road, SOUTH BY : Site No.34,

MOHAN KUMAR. N. B.A. L.L.B.,
Advocate and Legal Consultant
No.8, 6th Cross, 1st Main, S.R. Nagar, BANGALORE-560 027, Mob No.98443 51849

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

WHEREAS our clients have entered into Agreements to purchase the immovable properties bearing Municipal Khata No.42, Middle School Road, V.V.Puram, Bangalore - 560 004, measuring **East to West – 80 feet,** and **North to South – 60 feet, totally measuring 4,800 square feet,** consisting of a residential house, morefully described in the SCHEDULE PROPERTY herein, from the legal heirs of **Late H.Munivenkatappa** namely **Radha Devi, Saraswathi Devi, Rathna Devi, Pushpa Devi, Yathiraj, Vijayalakshmi, Sumangala Devi, Srinivasalu, Chandrashekar, Kamala Devi and Shobha Devi,** residents of Bangalore. Whereas it is represented to our clients by the said owners that they are the absolute owners and are in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property, having a clear marketable title and that there are no encumbrances on the Schedule Property.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title, interest or claims in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner, shall lodge their objections and / or claims, in writing to the undersigned ***within FIFTEEN days*** from the date of this publication with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof. After the said period of FIFTEEN days, our clients will proceed to complete the sale transactions and any objections or claims received thereafter will not be valid and will not be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Municipal Khata No.42, PID No.50-1-42, Middle School Road, Visvesvara Puram, Bangalore – 560 004, measuring East to West:- 80 feet, and North to South:- 60 feet, totally measuring 4,800 square feet, consisting of a residential house,** and bounded as follows:

On the East by: Middle School Road,
On the West by: Private Property,
On the North by: Private Property bearing No.43,
On the South by: Private Property bearing No.41.

Sd/-
Narendra B.Gandhi,
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IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH HELL, KEEP GOING

— WINSTON CHURCHILL

Telugu film critic and actor Kathi Mahesh passed away while undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Chennai on Saturday. He was hospitalised with respiratory complaints and he didn't respond to the treatment

FIVE-DAY FURY

IMD issues rain alert for different parts of K'taka

ENS @Bengaluru

THE India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued red, orange and yellow alerts to most parts of Karnataka for the next five days owing to the formation of a low pressure system.

CS Patil, director in-charge, IMD (Bengaluru), said the low pressure area will form over west central and adjoining north west Bay of Bengal on July 11. Also, south-westerly winds from the Arabian Sea have gained in strength and due to this, rainfall will occur in the state for the next five days, Patil said.

Red alert has been issued for coastal Karnataka — Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Uttara Kannada — for July 11. Red alert has also been issued for July 12 and 13 for parts of south interior Karnataka, including Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Shivamogga and Kodagu districts. Patil said the South West Monsoon was active over north interior Karnataka and normal over coastal and south interior Karnataka.

Mulki in Dakshina Kannada received 16 cm of rainfall--the highest in the last 24 hours in the state. Kalaburagi observatory recorded 11 cm and Mani in Dakshina Kannada recorded 9 cm of rainfall. Bengaluru received 0.2 mm of rainfall.

According to data from the IMD, Bengaluru has received 143 mm of rainfall since June 1 which is 25 mm above normal. Karnataka has received 250.6 mm of rainfall as against the normal of 255.5 mm.

Rain in Bengaluru (in mm)

DATE	RAINFALL
July 5	46.6
July 6	1.3
July 7:	0
July 8	Traces
July 9	Traces
July 10	0.2

(SOURCE: IMD)

The Telangana government had stated that it will use 50 per cent Krishna waters from this year onwards

AP opposes TS' 50:50 plan for Krishna water

Claims KWDT-1 allocations to various projects cannot be modified

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

EVEN as the Telangana government decided to use 50 per cent of Krishna water (405.5 tmcft) from this year, and withdraw the petition in the Supreme Court for fresh allocation of Krishna waters between the sibling States, the Andhra Pradesh government contended that the KWDT-1 allocations to various projects cannot be modified or nullified.

With this, the water controversy between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have become more complicated. AP stated that the project-wise allocations made by the Bachawat Tribunal is final and cannot be disturbed.

Officials from Telangana stated that the government declared that it will use 50 per cent Krishna waters from this year onwards only to check AP's efforts to get rights over Krishna waters for the projects illegally constructed in the Rayalaseema region. TS has no storage capacity across the Krishna, the officials admitted, and added that they would use the additional water for power generation.

"We will use our share of water when the new projects are completed across Krishna. AP should not claim rights over additional Krishna waters for the projects constructed outside the river basin," TS officials pointed out. They recalled that the then Chief Secretary wrote a letter to the Union Ministry for 50 per cent of share in Krishna waters in July, 2018 itself. "Our demand is not new. We want our rightful share of Krishna waters," the Telangana officials said.

> I'll go to any length to protect the interests of Telangana. I am ready to fight not only the AP government but also God, if that's what it takes to secure TS' share in the Krishna
>
> K T Rama Rao, IT & Industries minister

Meanwhile, the AP Water Resources Department Secretary, in a letter to the Ministry of Jal Shakti on Saturday, said that the provisions of KWDT-1 inherently contain the equitable principle of "ipso jure continuity of territories and treaties." Thus, TS cannot seek a review of the decision of KWDT-1 under the guise of alleged historical injustice and the same cannot form part of the water dispute under Section 2 (c) of the ISRWD Act.

Mentally challenged woman raped in Mysuru hosp

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

A 37-year-old mentally challenged woman was allegedly raped at the destitute ward of the government-run KR Hospital here, exposing serious lapses on part of the management.

The incident reportedly took place last Saturday but came to the light only after the intervention of human rights activists, following which a case was registered and the victim was shifted to a special care unit.

Human rights activists were tipped off by the hospital staff who were able to confirm the incident from patients who were in the same ward and from some hospital employees.

Following the outrage, hospital authorities formally registered a complaint on Friday and an FIR was registered.

The perpetrator allegedly broke open the window of the ward to commit the crime and when the police team visited the spot on Saturday, the damaged window was repaired by the hospital authorities, resembling an attempt to cover up.

Activists allege that hospital authorities tried to hush up the incident despite its gravity and a case was registered only after they raised the matter.

The survivor has been under treatment in the ward for the last two years. Meanwhile, local MLA L Nagendra visited the ward and warned officials of action for their laxity.

He promised that more CCTV cameras will be installed on the premises and asked officials to have three shifts of security staff for round-the-clock vigil.

Police officials were not reachable for comment but sources said medical tests of the survivor have been conducted and security personnel working with a private company employed at the premises were questioned. Police are also analysing CCTV visuals to zero in on the culprit.

Schools should reopen, teachers tell govt

No. of smart classrooms will increase to 8,500

Bengaluru: Smart classrooms in the state will be increased to 8,500 in the current year and of this, 2,500 have been already launched, Minister of Higher Education Ashwath Narayan announced on Saturday. He was talking at an event for distribution of free Tablet PCs to students of Malleswaram government first grade college. A computer lab was also inaugurated at the college.To facilitate digital learning, 1.10 lakh laptops were distributed for degree students in the last year by spending ` 330 crore, he said, iterating that the government was prioritising digital education, and ensuring that students' health would not be compromised during the pandemic. In the current academic year, about 1.6 lakh Tablet PCs are being distributed to college students, he added. ENS

Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan distributes tablets to students at an event in Bengaluru on Saturday

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

PRIMARY school teachers have urged the government to start offline classes and midday meals for student beneficiaries at the earliest.

The association said there are thousands of schools with less than 25 students and with at least four to five classrooms. "Such schools can begin classes with Covid norms in place, ensured by the overseeing committee members and head teachers," the teachers said.

"It would not be wrong to say that for 15 months, some students did not even know about the (academic) activities taking place on television, radio or online. Malnutrition would be more than 25 per cent among children. Some of them have been involved in illegal activities too," they said.

The Karnataka State Primary School Teachers Association has asked for one day each in a week to be dedicated to students of Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and two days each for those from Classes 5,6, 7 and 8.

Teachers claimed their hard work was the reason for increase in admission rates, as they printed pamphlets and went to every lane convincing parents. "We made announcements through loudspeakers on vehicles. All this, added to the efforts of higher education officials and the success in discussions with various organisations, has led to the increase in admissions," they said.

However, they rued that parents and students have been through 15 months of confusion. "Moreover, technology has been catering to only 35 per cent of students to continue (academic) practice. Primary students have higher levels of distractions even when teachers are standing in front of them and teaching. Hence, classes through television, radio, online and other mediums are suitable only for students beyond primary school."

Education dept drive on compulsory admission faulty: Pvt schools' association

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PRIVATE schools have written to Minister of Primary and Secondary Education Suresh Kumar to intervene in the department's alleged misuse of SATS data to create ghost admissions. They said the department's orders are confusing and conflicting and are an attempt to forcefully get students admitted in government schools without the participation or confirmation by parents about continuing in the same school.

A circular by the commissioner of public instruction states that no student should be detained and minimum learning outcome should be ascertained after a bridge course. If students are not participating (in schooling), how can the bridge course be held and minimum learning of the previous year be determined, private schools asked.

The education department has issued a circular to collect fees and complete the admission process by August 31.But district, block and cluster-level officials and other department officials are forcing schools to complete admissions by July 6, threatening them with departmental action.

Shashi Kumar, general secretary, Karnataka Associated Management of English Medium Schools said schools are not sure yet if parents want to continue education for their wards or have migrated elsewhere. The department is indulging in forceful promotions and admissions without the presence of parents to show that students are in schools (on record) and mislead the High Court with fabrications that all students are availing of education, he alleged.

EXPRESS READ

Puri Jagannath temple's Devadasi tradition ends with Parasmani

Bhubaneswar/Puri: The age-old Devadasi or Mahari parampara (tradition) of the 11th century Sri Jagannath temple at Puri has finally ended with the demise of the last surviving Devadasi Parasmani. Fondly called Parsu Mahari, Parasmani was suffering from old age related ailments and breathed her last in sleep at her house in Gachhakali lane here on Friday night. She was 92. Known for her melodious voice, she learnt Odissi music from eminent vocalist late Singhari Shyam Sundar Kar. **ENS**

Hand over 354 acres of land to trust, K'taka HC tells state govt

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THE Karnataka High Court has directed the State Government to hand over possession of 354.10 acres of land to Jamnalal Bajaj Seva Trust on 13th KM, Magadi Road.

Quashing the order dated November 28, 2017, passed by the Land Tribunal, Bengaluru North Taluk, which held 354.10 guntas as 'excess lands' under Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 1961, at Srigandhadakaval, Herohalli, and Gidadakonenahalli villages, Justice P S Dinesh Kumar declared that the said lands fall within the latter part of the definition under Section 2(18) of the Land Reforms Act, and hence, are not agricultural lands within the meaning of Section 2(18).

"It is sad that an ashram to propagate Gandhian values and envisaged by Acharya Vinobha Bhave has been struggling in a legal battle for decades. In the meantime, the trust has lost 78 acres of valuable land due to acquisition by BDA and encroachment," the court noted, while directing the authorities to deliver all that piece and parcel lands to the trust, the possession of which they took on December 7, 2017.

The court also quashed the endorsement dated January 8, 2016, passed by the Deputy Commissioner in view of the declaration that the lands are not agricultural in nature, and granted liberty is reserved to the trust to seek conversion of 3.20 acres in Sy.Nos. 37/1P and 40/1 of Herohalli, if so advised. Apart from questioning the Tribunal's order, the trust had also questioned the endorsement issued by the DC on January 8, 2016, stating that its request for land conversion cannot be considered due to pendency of writ petitions.

The reasons recorded by the Tribunal run counter to the law laid down by the Supreme Court in Kunhambu's case, the court added.

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Success is nice, but it shouldn't be the only reason why you're a musician

Chester Bennington

TIGHTROPE WALK FOR INDIA IN AFGHANISTAN

GOING by media reports, the American exit from Afghanistan now seems to be more ignominious than from Vietnam decades ago. Else, there is no reason why the US troops should have exited from the Bangram air field in the middle of night, without informing the host-government of two decades. With that they also left behind 5,000 prisoners from the Taliban, which has been taking control of one distant district after another through months of gradual American down-sizing.

It is not unlikely that the Taliban, which has been on the move all over again, would fight for Bangram, if there is any resistance, to have those 5,000 freed. More importantly, they could not let such a military airfield to stay in the hands of the government troops. If it happened, Taliban would be at knocking distance from Kabul, less than 50 km away.

He who controls Kabul alone is considered the legitimate ruler of Afghanistan, though it should also include 'international recognition'. This time round, if Taliban takes control of Kabul, even if months and years later, will Pakistan and/or China, or any of the latter's vasal States confer such legitimacy?

OPINION

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To be fair, the post-9/11 American military operations in Afghanistan were justified than the ideology-driven Cold War era engagement in Vietnam. They needed to hunt down Osama bin-Laden, and that they did with great persistence, and billions in burnt dollars. But as always, they did not have a plan for the Day After, and it has taken them a little more than a decade to make a dignified exit. But the American exit has also meant that the Taliban now has the whole of Afghanistan mostly to themselves with no al-Qaeda to share it with. The US thus has done Taliban a service.

From IC 814 to 9/11: To the average Indian mind, the Taliban is linked to the Christmas eve hijack of IC 814 Kathmandu-Delhi Indian Airlines flight in 1999. The Taliban-controlled Kandahar, via Amritsar, Lahore and Dubai, became its revised destination. There were 191 on board, including the five hijackers. The hijackers made their point by fatally stabbing one passenger and injuring many others.

As it became clear, the choice of Kandahar, as different from better-equipped Kabul was precisely for the same reason — that India could have reached rescuers to the Kabul Airport under Afghan government control, but not to the Taliban-held Kandahar. Apart from the humiliation caused by the Vajpayee government having to hand over four terrorists in return for the hijacked aircraft and its hapless passengers and staff, the hijackers' choice of Kandahar over Kabul showed that 21st century terrorists thought before the act, unlike their emotive brethren since the sixties.

The Kandahar hijack drama had a global message. If it's India now, that too in a way the regional power was haplessly and hopelessly 'disarmed' and unable hit back, it could be any other nation next — but it had to be someone more powerful than India. Under the then prevailing geo-strategic circumstances, it had to be the US. The terror groups could not be seen repeating the same modus, so more daring it would have to be. The 9/11 happened less than two years later in 2001.

Indian concerns: Today, India's concerns viz Afghanistan is as much geo-political as it is geo-strategic. Through the past years of American draw-down, it has been deliberately kept out of the regional initiative for peace in Afghanistan. The Russian initiative included Pakistan and China, nations adversarial to India, but sharing borders with Afghanistan. It was a clear indication where Moscow's sympathies lie now.

Both Pakistan and China share borders with Afghanistan, but not Russia. Yet, for Islamabad, using border-sharing with Afghanistan as the yardstick, letting New Delhi in would have meant accepting PoK as an integral part of India. This was because for India, PoK shares border with Afghanistan.

Through the past two decades since the Vajapyee era, New Delhi has successfully shaken off continual American enticements to have Indian boots on Afghan soil. The humiliating American exit now has proved India right — as far as New Delhi's assessment of regional political and ground-level situations are concerned. For now, the US has acknowledged the India-taught lesson that Pakistan is the fountain-head of international terrorism.

Yet, it is anybody's guess why Washington continues to venture out in the region on its own, side-stepping the Indian Quad ally. They are not going to understand Sri Lanka or Maldives, Bangladesh or Nepal, any time soon, if they could not comprehend Pakistan and Afghanistan in decades. Still, they continue to do business in the region without New Delhi and at times behind its back — handing over an unpalatable fait accompli to the Indian ally.

For India, the Afghan message is clear, given especially the shaky nature of bilateral ties with Iran in the immediate neighbourhood — whatever be the reasons and circumstances. The Haqqani Network has been targeting Indian diplomatic offices for years now in Afghanistan. Today, with Taliban back in full, if not fuller control, India cannot afford to be lax, nor can it afford to be pro-active — given the complexity of circumstances.

WHICH LEADERS ARE 'GOOD AND TRUE'?

POINT OF VIEW

TJS GEORGE

SO they succeeded in getting rid of Stan Swamy. It can be described as a politico-judicial killing. The politicians could not accept his fight for tribal rights and the way his simplicity gave muscle to that fight. The judiciary would not accept that he was fighting even as he was suffering from advanced Parkinson's. The special court rejected Swamy's bail application with the remark: "The collective interest of the community would outweigh the right of personal liberty of the applicant and, as such, old age and or alleged sickness would not go in his favour." After that bit of wisdom, it was easy for Death to take over.

The court's high-mindedness did, indeed, have the effect of a death sentence. There was a lack of medical facilities in the prison. The allopathic medicines given to him were on the prescriptions written by the Ayurvedic practitioners in the jail hospital. Besides, overcrowding in the jail made physical distancing impossible. The prison authorities justified all their actions and declared that Swamy had "a stable pumping heart and good blood circulation". They made no mention of him suffering from abdominal problems and pain due to lumbar spondylitis.

Swamy said he would undergo treatment at the Holy Family Hospital at his own cost. But the authorities insisted on the government-run JJ Hospital. Swamy was unwilling to accept that suggestion. "I have been there," he said. "Thrice. I know the setup there. I don't want to be hospitalised there. I'd rather die." This should be read in conjunction with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) asking the Taloja jail superintendent to respond to charges of denying medical facilities to Stan Swamy.

Taloja jail is famously overcrowded. Just as famously it is known to have only three doctors on call, all of them qualified in Ayurveda. The way Swamy was treated amounted to "killing him softly" as retired Supreme Court judge Madan Lokur put it.

At every turn, the Government had made it clear that it was out to get Stan Swamy. This is the central fact that needs to be understood and recorded. For reasons that are rather obvious, the Government had come to the conclusion that Swamy, weak and sick though he was, had become a symbol of the Government's intolerance towards those who had different opinions. This was evident from the time they moved him from Ranchi, his base, to Mumbai. Despite his old age (83) and visible infirmities, there was no medical examination as stipulated by law. The journey all but crippled him, but the Government's determination was clear when he was arrested under the anti-terror law, the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, charged with "participating in Maoist conspiracy to foment caste violence and assassinate Prime Minister Narendra Modi". No scope for mercy in the case of such a dangerous scoundrel.

Maharashtra police had interrogated him and searched his Ranchi residence. They had found nothing incriminating.

Why is Narendra Modi's India scared of citizens who work for the glory of the country? Why does the Prime Minister see patriots as a threat? Why is he intolerant of those whose opinions differ from his? Why is he afraid of democracy?

But the Powers Above could not accept that finding. So they brought in the National Investigation Agency (NIA). Which of course produced the desired results and the Prime Minister was saved from assassination.

The number of would-be assassins jailed before they could strike is a tribute to the efficiency of our security forces. Sudhir Dhawale, Shoma Sen, Mahesh Raut, Rona Wilson and Surendra Gadling were arrested in June 2018. Sudha Bharadwaj, Vernon Gonsalves, Arun Ferreira and Varavara Rao were taken in two months later. All were denied medical bail, with the exception of Varavara Rao whose condition had deteriorated drastically. Imagine how many people they would have assassinated if they were free.

Add to these names those of journalist Siddique Kappan whose mother passes away when he is in jail, and student activist Natasha Narwal whose father passes away when she is in jail. Why were they in jail? Who decided that they had committed crimes that made them too dangerous to be free? Why do those who have the power to arrest define as crime what ordinary citizens see as the routine of life? Why do honest and law-abiding citizens who want nothing but glory for their country end up as suspects in the eyes of this Government? Can such a Government be called democratic?

Questions don't stop there. Why is Narendra Modi's India scared of citizens who work for the glory of the country? Why does the Prime Minister see patriots as a threat? Why is he intolerant of those whose opinions differ from his? Why is he afraid of democracy? Is the answer somewhere in Mahatma Gandhi's words: "To safeguard democracy the people must have a keen sense of independence, self-respect and their oneness, and should insist upon choosing as their representatives only such persons as are good and true."

ADORABLE FACES DEFINE A MODIFIED CABINET

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FACE readers who examine the countenance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's new Cabinet will be puzzled by the takeaway. It has only one face, Modi. But it has a number of expressions, the ministers.

From Nehru to Manmohan Singh, the Union Cabinet would reflect numerous faces of the government. Now, Modi banking on his countrywide charisma and visage vitality has turned the institution into a faceless façade of centralism. For media consumption, last week's reshuffle was to purge deadwood and reward performers. High rollers Prakash Javadekar, Ravi Shankar Prasad and Harsh Vardhan were ejected to convey the message that futile funambulists and pompous paladins would not be tolerated in the Modiverse. The prime minister's overwhelming objective was to infuse new and loyal blood from outside the predictable political universe.

That said, names and numbers hardly define the quality of governance. Relatively unknown nobodies owed their sudden celebrity to unexpected ministerial berths. Last week, Modi gifted the nation a maximum government. In the first recast of his government this term, he booted out 12 ministers and inducted 26 new names. With 77 ministers, Modi rules the largest Cabinet in his second term. It is a roll call of USPs. It has the maximum number of women. It is packed with qualified technocrats and retired civil servants. It boasts maximum representation of backward and economically weaker sections. It is an ideal mix of experience and youth energy.

On the whole, Modi's new team is more presentable, robust and desirable like a Dhoni-led ODI team. Or, a mix of Reliance macho and Infosys craft. None of the new stars are connected with old regional or caste satraps. They were randomly picked by the PM for their local utility or personal loyalty. To prove the point that they owe their elevation solely to him, Modi invited them home a few hours before their swearing in to assign a list of dos and don'ts — an unprecedented act for an unpredictable prime minister. Never before has any other PM stood before new ministers with a mike in hand and instructed and advised them on the importance of efficacious administration and spelt out his mission and vision. Dos and Don'ts were clearly spelt out. Senior ministers like Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari, Amit Shah and BJP president J P Nadda were conspicuous by their presence.

Modi's Cabinet comprises dependable and trustworthy individuals, not leaders. It is he who defines policies that have to be implemented faultlessly. His new lieutenants are from various states, and are not even party leaders or junior ministers. Many of them had non-BJP accreditation. Narayan Rane, Jyotiraditya Scindia, RP Singh, Sarbananda Sonawal and Ashwani Vaishnaw reflect the changing palette of the BJP-led government.

During the past seven years, the saffron pigmentation of the government has been substantially diluted in favour of allies and professionals with sound track records. Currently, around 50 per cent of ministers are not associated with the RSS. For example, Ashwini Vaishnaw has no Sangh or BJP affiliations before he became MP. The 1994 batch Odisha cadre former IAS officer had served briefly as private secretary to Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He quit the civil service and went to the US to study before working with various multinationals. He is considered an expert in infrastructure development. He runs his own small business as well. It is for the first time that such a former junior officer has been allocated three important ministries — Communication, IT and Railways. Vaishnaw's mandate is clearly defined: corporatise railways

and ensure synergy with telecom sector. He is Modi's personal choice. The PM had personally spoken to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to get Vaishnaw elected as a Rajya Sabha member with BJD's open support.

Hardeep Singh Puri, a 1974 batch former IFS officer, is the new petroleum minister because of his experience in WTO and expertise on ethanol technology which will play an important role in green energy. Former IAS officer Raj Kumar Singh was elevated because of his strong administrative skills. The only relevant sound bite is that Modi places great faith in the bureaucracy and its empowerment. In 2019, Dr S Jaishankar was Modi's surprise appointment as foreign minister. He is the first retired diplomat to become a Cabinet-rank minister. Previously, Mani Shankar Aiyar and Natwar Singh, too, were ministers but not in the Foreign Office, and not immediately after superannuation.

Never before has principal secretaries and advisors to the Prime Minister enjoyed Cabinet Minister rank. Sterling examples are former principal secretary Nripen Mishra and currently Pramod Kumar Mishra, and NSA Ajit Doval.

The reshuffle indicates that Modi is slowly sidelining people connected with BJP 1.0 regime. Like Advani and Vajpayee created their own team of youngsters, Modi and Shah are grooming a team of leaders from various states who would adopt them as their ideals. It was Shah who gave tickets to most of the sitting ministers. He is also the first Home Minister to hold the new Ministry of Cooperation to deal with the states. Perceptively, this puts him on a pedestal slightly higher than Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari.

However, in spite of the maximum size of the government, over half the ministers hold two or more totally unrelated portfolios. For example, of the 30 Cabinet ministers, 10 run two ministries each, four control three and the remaining 16 are in charge of only one ministry. The allocation of ministries defies logic. Bhupinder Yadav, a lawyer by profession, has been given Labour and Environment. Puri gets Petroleum while retaining Urban Development, Piyush Goel, better suited for Finance, was given Commerce along with Consumer Affairs and Textiles. Even 21 of the 45 Ministers of State have two or more portfolios. Dr Jitendra Singh is perhaps is the only Minister of State who has six ministries, including independent charge of two.

Most of these mantris will be burning precious petrol commuting from one office to another. Since the emphasis was on getting a new team, the rationalisation of ministries was put on the back burner. Nevertheless, Modi has provided a stable government with minimum tinkering. While his predecessors like Rajiv Gandhi, PV Narasimha Rao, Atal Behari Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh shuffled and reshuffled their Cabinets over dozen times per term, Modi has shaken his pack only four times in seven years.

He is yet to master the architecture of ensuring minimum government because, despite his genius at innovation, many colleagues are now overburdened while others are looking for more work. With the belief that his indispensability has acquired political immortality, Modi's energy is focused on minimising and maximising individuals within his party and the government. Governance is a master tactician's game of numbers based on political calculations for a winning formula. And that winning slogan would be *Modi Ke Kam Par* aur *Modi Ke Nam Par*. It has worked wonderfully so far. The process of Modifying the Government with its steady desaffronisation has been accelerated.

QUOTE CORNER

I made it very clear to him (Putin) that the United States expects when a ransomware operation is coming from his soil, even though it's not sponsored by the state, we expect them to act if we give them enough information to act on who that is

Joe Biden, US president

Lebanon is a few days away from social explosion. The Lebanese are facing this dark fate alone. I am calling on kings, princes, presidents and leaders of our friendly countries... to help rescue Lebanon from its demise

Hassan Diab, Lebanon Prime Minister

No one should doubt the gains. But nor can we shrink from the hard reality of the situation today. We and Nato were always going to withdraw our forces. The only question was when, and there could never be a perfect moment

Boris Johnson, UK Prime Minister

MAILBAG WRITE TO letters@newindianexpress.com

Peace must in Afghanistan

At the cost of $2 trillion in a span of two decades after losing over 2,000 soldiers, the US is retreating from Afghanistan in a phased manner saying that its mission was accomplished. It left the Afghans in the lurch, particularly women who are afraid of Taliban regiment who will impose stringent archaic laws. Now that 85% of Afghanistan is in the Taliban's command, the Afghan government should come to terms with the Taliban leadership for peace. It is heartening to read that Taliban leadership assured that they are very much interested in political resolutions through political negotiations.

S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

China's naked ambition

This is with reference to the editorial on the assertion of Chinese president on the centenary celebration of CPP. Xi has usurped all power by himself by purging out his opponents. Covid has given rise to anti-Chinese sentiments. The annexation of Tibet is a blatant negation of sovereignty of other state. While the South China Sea issue and the Belt and Road initiative have strained the relations between China and US, the economic aid to countries like Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan has a lot of ramification. Beijing is nothing but an expansionist power today.

Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

No place for blind faith

Although we laugh at superstition, there is no country in the world which does not have its own superstitions. Of course, only low or uneducated village folks more firmly believe in superstition. The young man who immolates himself in a temple premises at Karur as he had taken a vow of self-sacrifice if DMK chief M K Stalin and Senthil Balaj win the 2021 Tamil Nadu elections is highly condemnable. Faith in the higher reality is one thing but superstition is entirely different, especially self-immolation. If some may say it is not superstition, it can be called blind faith. Both fall in the same category. These should not be allowed to take place in future.

V Venkitasubramanian, Coimbatore

Timely Cabinet rejig

The article 'A Lutyens Made of Little India' (July 10) makes bold and realistic assessment of the recent Cabinet rejig. No doubt that election and caste equations weighed in the rejig. But what distinguishes Modi from the rest is his adherence to merit while allotting key portfolios. Modi's disdain for elitism is reflected in the rejig. The author has correctly noticed the change when she says 'Modi's backroom boys have delved deep into India and plucked the hitherto unrepresented'. We may add that the rejig also carries stamp of Modi's no nonsense ruthlessness in dropping non-performers which included some big names.

Hemanth Bhide, Mangalore

Weeding out dubious NGOs

The Kerala High Court has cautioned the state government to have control over unauthorised collection of money by individuals or organizations stoking on human sentiment. The court wants the government to monitor and control this malady and take stringent action on professional swindlers who mint money and lead a lavish life and not accountable to anyone. Crowd funding laws should be made by the Centre, and all states should supervise this clandestine activity with an iron hand.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Judges are not emperors

The Supreme Court has sent a strong message to the judges of the subordinate courts that they are not emperors to call officers at the drop of a hat. It has castigated the HC judges in particular while delivering a judgment on an appeal by the UP government against the Allahabad HC's order concerning back wages of a medical officer. The bench said 'respect has to be commanded and not demanded and the same is not enhanced by calling public officers. Judges need to take note of the sane advice.

Krishnapur V Seetharamaiah, Hassan

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Demonetisation & GST had already ruined our informal economy. Pandemic mismanagement is heaping further ruin

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
A few years back a rape victim raised voice against a BJP MLA, an attempt was made to kill her. Today BJP crossed all limits to stop nomination of a woman

Anurag Thakur @ianuragthakur
We're geared up, ready for a sprint or marathon! Looking forward to a Team India spirit under PM Modi

Custodial death tally over 1,000 in 6 months this year

Human rights commission data shows nearly six persons died in judicial custody every day, more than 3,000 cases pending adjudication

NOT ALL WELL IN CUSTODY

UP TO JUNE 6, 2021

- At least **1,067** custodial deaths
- At least **1,005** deaths in judicial custody
- Total of **₹1.20 crore** recommended by NHRC as monetary relief to families of 69
- At least **62** deaths in police custody
- Judicial custody death cases pending before NHRC: **3,003**
- Police custody death cases pending before NHRC: **299**

2020 STATISTICS

- At least **1,378** custodial deaths
- **1,295** deaths in judicial custody and 83 in police custody

Source: NHRC

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

FOLLOWING the death of 84-year-old tribal rights activist Father Stan Swamy, this newspaper has found that a total of 1,067 people died in custody in the first five months of this year. This data comes from the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). In other words, nearly six persons every day have been dying in judicial custody across the country.

More than ₹1.2 crore has been recommended to the next of kin of the deceased in the cases of deaths in judicial custody. As many as 3,003 such cases were pending adjudication before NHRC as on June 6. Besides ₹1.2 crore, the rights panel also recommended ₹3 lakh as relief to the family of a juvenile who died in custody.

Father Stan Swamy's death in judicial custody brings more cases under spotlight

February saw maximum overall fatalities — 263, while most deaths in police custody were registered in March — 16. The highest number of deaths of 255 in judicial custody were registered in February.

If one were to compare this with data for the previous year (minus November, for which data is not available), it turns out that a total of 1,378 such deaths were reported. Of this, 83 died in police custody.

Also noteworthy is the fact that of the 1,067 deaths, 62 were reported in police custody, while 299 more such cases of people dying in police custody are pending before the human rights panel. These exclude cases of custodial torture, abuse of power, illegal arrest and police encounters.

The NHRC awarded a maximum of ₹56.50 lakh in compensation in March. In February, only ₹2.90 lakh were disbursed as compensation to the next of kin of those who died in judicial custody. The rights panel had disbursed ₹Rs 1,20,40,000 in compensation for such deaths till June 6 this year.

Swamy was arrested under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in October, 2020, for his alleged role in the Bhima-Koregaon violence in 2018 and his links with the banned organisation CPI (Maoist). His case got prominence when in November, Swamy who was suffering from Parkinson's, asked for permission to drink water out of a straw. The investigating agency had taken 20 days to file its reply.

Subsequently, in May this year, Swamy complained about his worsening condition, hearing loss, intense lumbar and abdominal pain to the Bombay High Court. The jail responded that he had "a stable pumping heart and good circulation of blood." He then pleaded for medical bail. The NIA claimed that medical documents filed were not conclusive proof.

COVID TRACKER

- **1.32%** CASE FATALITY RATE
- **2.19%** DAILY POSITIVITY RATE
- **2.34%** WEEKLY POSITIVITY RATE
- **97.20%** NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE
- **4,55,033** Active cases in India
- **3,694** Net decline in cases
- **19,55,225** Tests conducted on Friday
- **70%** Of the deaths occurred due to comorbidities

DOSES: AGE-WISE DISTRIBUTION

ABOVE 60 YEARS	26.9%
45-60 YEARS	34.4%
18-44 YEARS	38.7%

VACCINE UPDATE

- **38.54 crore** Doses provided to states/UTs so far
- **1.73 crore** Doses still available with states/UTs and private hospitals to be administered

HELPLINE NUMBERS Source: Union Health Ministry

1075: National helpline | **1098:** Child helpline | **14567:** Senior citizens helpline | **08046110007:** Helpline of NIMHANS for psychological support

20 Bills to be tabled in monsoon session: Pralhad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hubballi

UNION Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi said here on Saturday that as many as 20 Bills, including five ordinances, will be tabled in the upcoming monsoon session of Parliament.

To seek the cooperation of all opposition parties for a fruitful session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called an all-party meeting on July 18, he said.

Asked about the drastic changes made in the Union cabinet during the recent reshuffle, he said the effort was to infuse new blood into the ministry. Defending dropping of Harsha Vardhan as health minister, he said that Vardhan performed exceedingly well as a Union minister and his services will now be utilised for party organisational activities.

The Union government has handled the second wave of the Covid pandemic quite efficiently and it has widened the vaccination programme by covering 35 crore people. "The vaccines are being supplied to the states as per demand and it will be increased in a phased manner," he added.

No social distancing at Bankey Bihari temple in Mathura on Saturday | PTI

Centre warns against perils of lowering guard

New Delhi: Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla on Saturday warned against blatant disregard for Covid-appropriate behaviour at hill stations and other tourist locations, reminding that the the second wave of the pandemic is not yet over. The Home Secretary chaired a meeting to review the steps taken by the state governments for checking the spread of Covid-19 at these places. The overall management of the situation and vaccination status in Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand and West Bengal were discussed, the home ministry said. It was conveyed that the decline of the second wave is at variable stages in different states and UTs.

Spectre of another crisis as NEET PG exam delayed

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

A delay on the part of the government to decide on NEET PG examinations, deferred by over seven months this year, has pushed nearly 2 lakh medicine graduates on the edge while also risking a potential crisis of resident doctors in medical colleges across India.

There is no clarity yet on when the examination, usually conducted for about 30,000 PG seats in medical colleges in January every year, will be held this year.

The examination, conducted by the National Board of Examination under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, was first deferred to April in view of the Covid-19 pandemic before being pushed back further.

In April, when the devastating second wave of the pandemic hit the country, the government, following a high-level meeting headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, announced that the test will not be conducted before August 31, which will allow final year MBBS students and interns to focus on clinical duties.

Students would also be given at least a month after the announcement of the exam before it is conducted, the government had said, adding that this would make a large number of doctors available for Covid duties. The idea was to utilise the services of final year MBBS students and junior residents for providing services like tele-consultation and monitoring of mild Covid cases after due orientation by and under supervision of faculty.

Several junior and senior resident doctors now point out the issues this decision has created. "Thousands of junior doctors had quit work in order to prepare for NEET PG but uncertainty around the exam is causing them immense financial and mental stress," said Rohan Krishnan, senior resident with a government hospital in Delhi.

He added that as most medical colleges are conducting PG final year examinations, senior resident batches will move on, but there will be no fresh batch of PG doctors — who are the backbone of healthcare services in most government tertiary care centres. "It indicates a complete lack of planning and far sightedness on the part of authorities."

Manish Jangra, founder of Federation of All India Medical Association, said groups of resident doctors had written to the government but nothing happened. "We are worried that if Covid cases start rising again, the exam will get indefinitely delayed and lead to a complete loss of year for thousands of doctors."

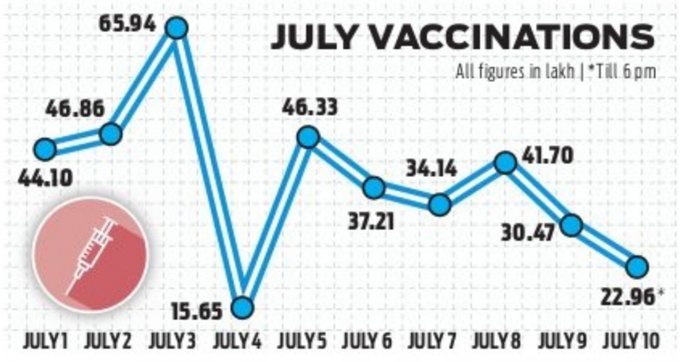
Vaccination figures well below promised mark

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DESPITE promises by the government to gradually increase Covid-19 vaccination supplies, daily figures on several days in July so far have sunk to worrying levels.

On July 9, about 30 lakh doses were administered and on Saturday (until 6 pm), this figure was about 22 lakh. Experts have estimated India needs to vaccinate 90 lakh persons every day if it has to reach the target of inoculating all 94 crore adults by the year-end.

An analysis of the vaccination data, however, shows that the average daily vaccination for July has remained about 40 lakh, largely due to about 65 lakh jabs administered on July 3. On many other days, this figure has remained poor. On July 4, only 15.65 lakh received shots. Vaccinations in India had reached a peak of over 91 lakh on June 21, when the Centre took over the responsibility of providing 75% of the available vaccines to states free of cost. That figure is still to be matched.



NOT A SINGLE DROP TO DRINK

Residents wait to collect drinking water from a tanker amid acute shortage in Jaipur on Saturday | PTI

Jaishankar hands over holy relic to Georgian minister on 2-day trip

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** on Saturday held talks with Georgian Foreign Minister David Zalkaliani. The two leaders decided to work towards an 'ambitious roadmap' to elevate bilateral ties.

"We discussed economic cooperation, tourism, trade and connectivity. Our relationship is doing well. There are some big Indian projects in Georgia, power projects and steel projects," the external affairs minister said at a joint press conference, with Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili.

Jaishankar is on a two-day visit to Georgia, a strategically important country in the intersection of Eastern Europe and Western Asia. Late Friday night, upon landing in Georgia, Jaishankar handed over the Holy Relic of Queen St Ketevan to Zalkaliani. The Queen's relics were found in Goa and she is believed to have been martyred in Shiraz, Iran, for refusing conversion to Islam.

Jaishankar said he has also invited his Georgian counterpart to India with a business delegation. "I invited the Vice Prime Minister to visit India with a business delegation. In India, people need to know about Georgia, especially about their high ranking in the ease of doing business."

He met Indian community representatives and appreciated their hard work in the agriculture sector. "As I begin the day, nice to meet Indian community representatives from Tsnori, Khaketi. Their hard work in the agriculture sector has earned a good name. Enterprising Indians are our global bridge."

Jaishankar also participated in a ceremony at the Sameba Holy Trinity Cathedral to install the Holy Relic of Queen St Ketevan. "The holy relics were preserved at the St Augustine Church in Goa since the 17th century. Given the immense spiritual value that this relic holds for the people of Georgia, we had kept this sacred heritage as our own. Its return is a testimony to our warm and friendly relations. I thank the people of Goa who have been reverential custodians of this holy treasure. They have done India proud by being true to our tradition of respecting faiths," he said at the Cathedral.

LEGAL OPINION

Will population bill have penal provisions, wonder experts

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

A draft bill on population control prepared by Uttar Pradesh State Law Commission proposes to make people with more than two children ineligible for government jobs, disentitle those already in service to promotions and exclude them from the benefits of 77 schemes. Legal experts say it needs to be seen whether the bill, if passed, will have any penal provisions attached to it in case of any violation.

The draft bill also suggests incentives such as tax rebates for those with two children or less. There has been a clamour for population control laws in India, even though experts say coercive policies will not have the desired effect of reducing births.

In Assam, a law similar to the one that the UP Law Commission has proposed is already in place. In 2019, the state government approved restrictions on parents who have more than two children, while debarring those with more from government jobs.

Supreme Court lawyer K V Dhananjay said: "While the law proposed by the UP government is permissible under the Constitution, the will and enthusiasm of the future state legislatures to implement it in proper spirit determines whether it makes any impact at all. It is common knowledge that such laws do not make much impact unless they involve consensus from a broad spectrum of political parties — a prospect that the current Uttar Pradesh government does not seem to appreciate."

He added: "Making such laws is easier if you hold majority in the legislature as the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution assures that your party MLAs will vote for the law and not incur disqualification. Nobody in India ought to get credit merely for making a law that is good on paper. Implementation is what matters and we have to wait and watch."

Highlighting the other perspective, Supreme Court lawyer Virag Gupta said: "On first reading, I noticed that mere violation of certain provisions will not attract any criminality but in present times when the government jobs are already on a lower side, how will government assure the couples to adhere to such policy." He added this will see a rise in separation cases, as people will use it as modus operandi to get jobs.

NEW DIPLOMAT

Biden chooses Garcetti as envoy to India

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

US President Joe Biden has nominated Los Angeles Governor Eric Garcetti as the country's ambassador to India. If confirmed by the Senate, Garcetti will succeed Kenneth Juster, who had served as the US envoy to India and was recently appointed as a distinguished fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

"Eric M Garcetti has been the Mayor of Los Angeles since 2013, following 12 years as a member of the City Council, including six as Council President. As Mayor, Garcetti oversees the busiest container port in the Western Hemisphere, the largest municipal utility in the country, and one of the busiest airports in the world," the White House said.

According to the White House, Garcetti currently chairs the LA Metro and has co-founded Climate Mayors, a congregation of 400 US mayors. "He is the current Chair of C40 Cities — a network of 97 of the world's biggest cities taking bold climate actions and has led the organisation's engagement and expansion in India as well as C40's global response to the Covid-19 pandemic," the White House said.

Garcetti is a Rhodes Scholar and got his education at Oxford University and London School of Economics. He has taught at Occidental College's Department of Diplomacy and World Affairs, as well as at the University of Southern California's School of International Relations.

SMUGGLING DRUGS

A consignment of 88kgs of cannabis worth ₹17.60 lakh being smuggled on a boat across Jonk river near Chattisgarh-Odisha border was seized by Mahasamund district police, said officials

7 STUDENTS DROWNED WHILE SWIMMING IN A RIVER IN VADORA, GUJARAT

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	35	31	Mumbai	31	27
Bhopal	33	25	Panaji	28	26
Jaipur	32	27	Patna	34	28
Amritsar	33	24	Lucknow	36	21
Chennai	34	27	Port Blair	29	27
Kolkata	34	27	Imphal	29	21
Srinagar	35	19	Chandigarh	36	29

Rejig in Bengal BJP? Nadda summons Ghosh

Party's state chief and youth wing president have publicly been sparring, embarrassing the central leadership

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

BHARATIYA Janata Party chief **JP Nadda** will meet his Bengal counterpart **Dilip Ghosh** on Sunday amid talks that the saffron camp is likely to rejig its state unit following infighting among leaders.

The summons from Delhi came in the wake of BJP youth wing state president and Bishnupur MP Saumitra Saumitra Khan's Facebook live session in which he lambasted Ghosh and Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari.

Party insiders said the discontent expressed by many party functionaries after Mukul Roy returned to the Trinamool Congress is also likely to be discussed in the meeting.

"Many TMC turncoats, who joined the BJP ahead of the polls, expressed their discontent against the saffron party in public after its unimpressive electoral performance. We fielded many turncoats in the poll but most of them failed to win. Their discontent is embarrassing the high command," said a BJP leader.

"Above all, the recent act of Khan, who also defected from the TMC, caused much embarrassment for both the state and national leaders." Nadda might rejig the party's state hierarchy, the leader added.

"It seems Khan may face the consequences of his acts after the meeting between Nadda and Ghosh. Besides, changes are likely to made in party's different wings once Ghosh returns from Delhi," said another BJP leader.

Three days ago, Khan had stepped down from the post of the party's state youth wing president but withdrew his resignation later after calls from the higher ups. In the online session, he had accused Adhikari of misleading the leadership and alleged Ghosh doesn't understand 'half of the things'.

Ghosh, meanwhile, asserted it was time for party hoppers to decide their future in the party. "The party had pasted bark of other trees on itself which is now coming off. Those who joined the BJP recently are finding it difficult to fit in. Some of them are leaving. But the real workers have no such problem. We co-opted a large number of people who came from other parties and gave them a chance to work. It is up to them to decide what they want to do.

Police personnel baton-charge locals allegedly causing ruckus during the block chief elections in Ayodhya district of UP Saturday | PTI

Violence mars UP local elections, BJP claims 'big victory'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

AFTER violence and hooliganism marred the nomination process for block pramukh polls in Uttar Pradesh, sticks, stones, guns and bombs ruled in polls, too, on Saturday in many parts of the state.

The BJP exulted on its win on 635 out of the 825 posts while the Opposition cried foul, alleging widespread rigging by the ruling party. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath claimed victory while the opposition lashed out at his government over the incidents of violence.

Lauding the BJP's win, PM Narendra Modi tweeted that the "big victory" is a reflection of the benefits people had received due to the Yogi government's policies and pro-people schemes. Union Home Minister Amit Shah also congratulated Yogi and other BJP leaders for the victory.

Earlier in the day, violence was reported from Barabanki, Rae Bareli, Sultanpur, Lakhimpur Kheri, Pratapgarh and Ballia districts.

In Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav's home district Etawah, BJP workers clashed with the police during polling in Badhpura block. The SP (City) of Etawah, Prashant Kumar, was allegedly assaulted by BJP workers, but the charges were denied by local BJP leaders.

A video of the police officer telling BJP leaders about having been slapped by their people went viral on social media. In the same video, BJP leaders, including MLA Sarita Bhadoriya, are seen denying the SP's allegations and instead blamed his men for using force against their party workers. Angered over the alleged assault on the SP (City), police fired tear gas shells to disperse the mob.

In Barabanki district, BJP and SP workers clashed in Masauli and Trivediganj blocks. In Pratapgarh district's Aspur Devsara block, police had to fire in air and use tear gas shells to disperse a violent mob of SP workers. In Ballia district, two groups clashed in Dubaha. In Unnao's Miyaganj block, BJP workers and an administrative official allegedly assaulted a journalist allegedly shooting video.

ASSAM

New dept to protect culture of tribal people

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE Assam government on Saturday decided to create a new department to protect the culture and practices of people belonging to tribal and other indigenous communities.

"The tribals have their own language, culture and religious beliefs. Since they are not affluent and there was a lack of institutional support to them, we have decided to preserve their culture and faith," Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma told journalists while announcing the state cabinet's decision on the creation of the Department of Indigenous Faith and Culture. Sarma said the cabinet had requested state Finance Minister Ajanta Neog to allocate a substantial budget to the department.

He added that the state government would bring a law to check any kind of exploitation of women and girls. "Love jihad does not mean a Muslim deceiving a Hindu. A Hindu should not also deceive a Hindu. If a Hindu youth deceives a Hindu woman, it is also jihad, although I don't believe in any such word," he said.

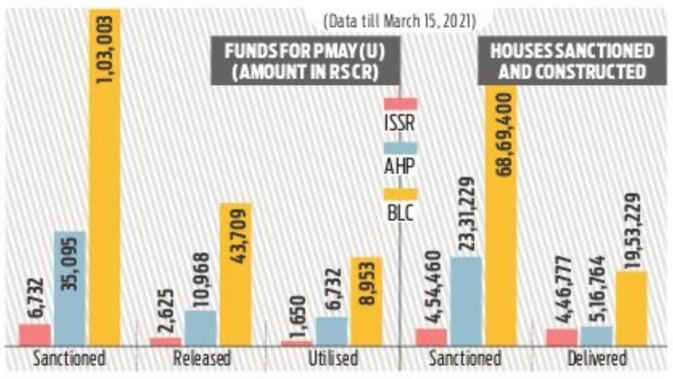
Asserting that the law will apply to all communities, Sarma said: "No woman and girl, irrespective of her faith, should be exploited."

The CM also raised concerns over large gatherings at illegal liquor shops amid the ongoing Covid-19 and said they could further contribute to the surge in cases.

"Many of our ministers said the Covid cases are rising due to evening gatherings at illegal liquor joints. Wherever cases are rising, there is a link with illegal liquor joints. It is a serious matter," the Assam chief minister said, adding that his government has instructed the district authorities to dismantle such shops.

Only 30% houses built under PMAY-Urban

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi



ONLY 26% of funds sanctioned under three different verticals of the government's flagship PM Awas Yojana (Urban) has been utilised in last six years of its implementation and as a result, only 30% of the sanctioned houses could be constructed during the period.

Only 25% of the sanctioned funds have been spent under In-Situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR), while the percentage for Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) segment is 26%. Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) vertical also showed similar pattern with only 27% of sanctioned budget spent.

Poor fund utilisation reflected in delivery of houses. According to the data from Ministry of Housing (till mid-March 2021), only 5,16,764 houses have been delivered under AHP segment against the sanctioned number of 23,31,229. Similarly, 19.53 lakh houses have been constructed under BLC as against the sanctioned 68.69 lakh houses.

Under slum redevelopment segment, only 4,54,460 houses were sanctioned and 4,46,777 houses completed till mid-March this year and majority of this includes incomplete works of earlier JNURM scheme taken up and completed for slums after 2014.

Government document disclosed only about 18,000 houses have been completed under ISSR in a few states. Recently, a parliamentary committee in its report noted that only 8 states have taken up projects under the ISSR vertical.

The focus of the ISSR, AHP and BLC verticals of the Mission is to provide housing assets to economically weaker sections of society.

Under AHP, central assistance of ₹1.5 lakh per house is provided in projects where at least 35% of the houses are for EWS category. Under BLC, upto ₹1.5 lakh of central assistance is provided through States/UTs to each of eligible beneficiaries. Nearly 14 lakh houses have been acquired by the beneficiaries under credit linked CLSS component which provides interest subsidy of 6.5% to EWS/Low Income Group (₹3-6 lakh per annum) and interest subsidy of 4% and 3%, respectively, to Middle Income Group (₹6-12 lakh and ₹12-18 lakh per annum, respectively) on housing loans.

The housing ministry recently celebrated the sixth anniversary of PMAY-U, under the aegis of 'Housing for All', which addresses urban housing shortage among the EWS/LIG and MIG categories including slum dwellers by ensuring a 'pucca' house to all eligible urban households by 2022, when the nation completes 75 years of Independence. A total of 1.12 crore houses have been sanctioned under the scheme.

The ministry is implementing PMAY(U) since June 2015 for addressing the housing requirement of people belonging to EWS, Low Income Group and Middle Income Group categories in urban areas. The estimated demand under the scheme reported by States/UTs is around 1.12 crore.

Amid tourist rush, Uttarakhand cuts hotel occupancy to 50%

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

AFTER pictures of tourists flocking to Mussoorie, Nainital and other places in Uttarakhand and flouting Covid-19 safety norms went viral on social media, raising concerns among authorities amid a third wave scare, the state government on Saturday issued an order restricting occupancy of hotels to only 50 per cent of their capacity.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said hotels in Dehradun, Nainital and other tourist places will now operate with a 50 per cent cap on occupancy to their full limit. "We are making efforts and will follow guidelines to contain the spread of the virus," he said.

Besides, officials of Dehradun and Nainital district administrations tightened the belt and made negative RT-PCR test report mandatory for those entering there from outside the state.

Preeti Priyadarshini, senior superintendent of police, Nainital district, said: "The rules are laid down to ensure that Covid-19 safety norms are not violated. We urge people to follow the rules and adhere to the guidelines."

The strict rules are being implemented due to thousands of tourists flocking to the hills, threatening to infect others. Pictures and videos of tourists from the Mall Road in Nainital and Kempty Falls in Mussoorie had gone viral on Twitter and Facebook.

Last week, authorities had to stop at least 5,000 tourists from entering Nainital due to the unavailability of parking spaces and for failing to produce Covid-19 negative reports. According to estimates of the state tourism department and police, more than 10,000 people visited Nainital and Mussoorie last weekend — the two most famous hill towns in the state.

Crowd of visitors cheers hotel owners in Himachal

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

OVER six lakh tourists visited Himachal Pradesh in past 35 days after the state relaxed Covid-19 restrictions. Shimla, Manali, Dalhousie, Narkanda and Lahaul-Spiti were the preferred getaways for the tourists to escape the scorching heat in the north India.

On an average, the state receives over 1.3 crore tourists every year but owing to Covid-19, the number was only 32 lakh last year, a tourism department source said.

State Tourism Department Director Amit Kashyap said, "We welcome the tourists in but request them to flow the Covid-19 guidelines."

As per the Himachal Police data, 2,57,179 vehicles entered the state in last two weeks of June. The Atal Tunnel at Rohtang has been a major attraction. A record 6,400 vehicles crossed the tunnel last Sunday, the highest in a day till date.

Mohinder Seth, president of Tourism Industry Stakeholder Association said, "There are 4,700 hotels across the state with 1.41 lakh rooms. The occupancy is 60-70 per cent during weekends, while on weekdays it is 30-40 per cent."

Meghalaya's CM miffed at Assam cow bill

GUWAHATI: Meghalaya CM Conrad Sangma has said his government would approach the Centre if the transportation of cattle to the state is affected by the proposed Assam Cattle Preservation Bill, 2021.

Assam government spokesperson Pijush Hazarika on Thursday announced that the state cabinet has given its approval for placing the cattle preservation bill in the budget session of the Assembly, beginning on July 12.

Beef is popular in Meghalaya and cattle from different parts of the country reach the state through Assam.

Fearing that the law could choke supply to the Christian-majority state, the Meghalaya CM on Friday said: "We will take all steps needed to make sure supply is not affected by the Assam law."

Principal secretary of the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department of Meghalaya GHP Raju said there is already a shortage of beef in the market.

The new bill will replace the Assam Cattle Preservation Act, 1950. It allows the slaughter of cattle aged above 14 years with approval from vets. Through the law, Assam is seeking to thwart cattle smuggling to Bangladesh. *ENS*

Not standing for national anthem is disrespect but not an offence: J&K HC

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Jammu and Kashmir High Court has ruled that not standing up for the national anthem and not singing it may amount to disrespect and failure to adhere to the fundamental duties but it is not an offence.

The court gave the ruling on a writ petition filed by Tawseef Ahmad Bhat, who had challenged the registration of an FIR against him under Section 3 of the Prevention of Insult to National Honour Act.

"Interestingly and indisputably, mere disrespect to Indian national anthem is not an offence per se. It is only if the conduct of a person amounts to preventing the singing of Indian national anthem or causing disturbance to any assembly engaged in such singing, it entails penal consequences in terms of Section 3 of the Act," Justice Sanjeev Kumar ruled on Friday.

The court ruled that "not standing up while the Indian national anthem is being sung or standing up but not singing the national anthem along with members of the assembly engaged in such singing may amount to disrespect to the national anthem and a failure to adhere to a fundamental duties enumerated in Part IVA of the Constitution of India but is not an offence as defined under Section 3 of the Act."

The police registered the case against Bhat in September 2018 for allegedly dishonouring the national anthem at a function held to celebrate Indian surgical strike when he was working as a lecturer in the Government Degree College, Bani.

While challenging the FIR, Bhat contended that the allegations did not constitute an offence under Section 3 of the Act as there was no proof that he prevented the singing of the national anthem or caused any disturbance to any assembly engaged in such singing.

"Failure of the petitioner to participate in the assembly engaged in singing of national anthem, intentionally or otherwise, and roaming about in the school premises where the assembly was engaged in singing national anthem, in my opinion, would not amount to either preventing the singing of national anthem or causing any disturbance to the assembly engaged in such singing," Justice Kumar ruled.

Lightning protection vehicles flagged off

In order to make people aware about safety measures during thunderstorms and rain, lightning protection chariot were flagged off by Ranchi Deputy Commissioner Chhavi Ranjan. The awareness vehicle, operated in collaboration with the district administration and World Vision India, will go to various blocks alerting people about the precautions. It will make people aware of how to stay safe by sharing information related to thunderstorms in different villages of the district. The Deputy Commissioner said that panchayats where the possibility of thunderstorms is the highest, people will be informed about them.

RANCHI DIARY

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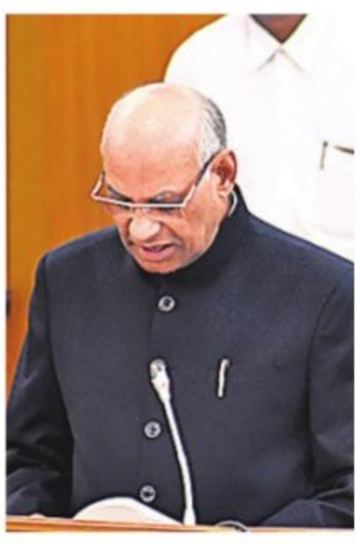
IIT-ISM students win Tata Crucible Hackathon

Adding another feather in their cap, IIT-ISM students have emerged as the national winners in the Tata Crucible Hackathon by defeating 3,000 teams from across India. Aman Kumar, Aman Harsh and Gyanendra Das from the Mathematics and Computing branch and Aastha Sinha from the Electrical Engineering branch formed the team ISMITES, which performed well and brought laurels for ISM. They were supposed to submit ideas for any of the five problem statements given to them in Tata Crucible Hackathon 2021. Their ideas got shortlisted for the zonal finals and they emerged as North zone winners with Rs 70,000 cash prize. Around 3,000 teams, including students from different colleges and employees from different companies and R&D departments, participated in the Hackathon.

Ramesh Bais new governor of Jharkhand

Ramesh Bais (74) will succeed Droupadi Murmu as the new governor of Jharkhand. Bais, who was governor of Tripura before being moved to Jharkhand , is among seven others whom President Ram Nath Kovind appointed in various states. He will be the 10th governor of Jharkhand. He has been a member of the BJP and served as Union minister of state (Independent charge) for environment and forests during the Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government from 1999. Bais was elected to the 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Lok Sabhas from Raipur.



Monsoon Session of Assembly in August

The Monsoon session of fifth Jharkhand Assembly is likely to be held in the second week of August. Like the previous monsoon session, this time too it will be short. The Assembly secretariat will decide the dates and number of days of session. According to Speaker, Rabindra Nath Mahto all COVID protocols are to be followed for which arrangements will be made ahead of the session. Vaccination centres will be set up at the House so that lawmakers, staff and even media persons may get vaccinated. In view of the fears of a third wave, the state does not want to take any chances.

950
new coronavirus cases were reported in Tokyo as infections steadily spread less than two weeks before Olympics

GLOBAL WEATHER

City	Max	Min		City	Max	Min	
Beijing	32	23	TDS	Los Angeles	30	19	SNY
Colombo	30	27	TDS	Melbourne	15	9	LC
Dhaka	34	27	TDS	Moscow	31	19	SNY
Dubai	44	32	SNY	New York	27	22	LC
Houston	34	25	LC	Singapore	30	25	TDS
Istanbul	30	22	SNY	Toronto	21	18	LR
London	21	15	LC	Washington	31	24	LC

LR: Light Rain ● HR: Heavy Rain ● TDS: Thundershower ● LC: Light Cloud ● SNY: Sunny

SEARCH CONTINUES

Members of Japan's Self-Defence Forces search for missing people at the scene of a landslide in Atami on Saturday. Deadly mudslides last Sunday left at least nine people dead and damaged about 130 buildings | AFP

Bangla inferno: Factory owner, 7 others arrested

Children as young as 11 years were working in food & beverages factory, say investigators

DHAKA

THE owner of a factory, where 52 people died in a fire, was arrested for murder on Saturday along with seven others, as it emerged that children as young as 11 had been working there.

Police said Abul Hashem and four of his sons were among eight people detained over the inferno, which broke out on Thursday and raged for more than a day. A separate inquiry has been launched into the use of child labour at the food factory.

Jayedul Alam, police chief for Narayanganj district where the factory is located, said the entrance had been padlocked at the time of the blaze and the factory breached multiple safety regulations. "It was a deliberate murder," the police chief said. All eight people detained face murder charges.

Before his arrest, Hashem told the Daily Star newspaper the fire "may have been a result of workers' carelessness", suggesting a discarded cigarette could have sparked the carnage. Emergency services found 48 of the bodies on the third floor of the Hashem Food and Beverage factory in Rupganj, an industrial town outside Dhaka.

The fire department said the exit door to the main staircase had been padlocked and highly flammable chemicals and plastics had been stored in the building.

Monnujan Sufian, state minister for labour, said inquiries had begun into the use of child workers at the factory.

A worker walks past the burnt factory in Dhaka on Saturday | AFP

Laizu Begum, who spent hours waiting outside the factory, said her 11-year-old nephew had been working on the third floor and was now missing.

"We heard the door of the floor where my nephew worked was padlocked. Then we realised, after seeing how big the fire was, that he is probably dead," said the woman, who broke into tears.

Outside the burned shell of the factory and at the hospital morgue, AFP spoke to 30 survivors and relatives of the dead, who said child workers at the factory were paid just 20 taka (24 US cents) per hour.

Bilal Hossain, father of 14-year-old Mitu Akter, who was among the missing, went to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue with a photo of his daughter, begging police and doctors to hand over her remains.

"I sent my baby girl to die," said Hossain, who added that the company even owed the girl back wages. "How will I tell her mother?" *AFP*

Afghanistan to rush army to border as Taliban extends gains

KABUL

AFGHAN authorities prepared Saturday to try to retake a key border crossing seized by the Taliban in a sweeping offensive that the insurgents claim has helped capture a vast swath of the violence-wracked nation.

As US troops continued their withdrawal, the Taliban said its fighters had seized two crossings in western Afghanistan — completing an arc of territory from the Iranian border to the frontier with China.

It now held 85% of the country, a Taliban official said on Friday, controlling about 250 of Afghanistan's nearly 400 districts — a claim impossible to independently verify, and disputed by the government.

Meanwhile Beijing, which has criticised Washington for its hasty withdrawal, urged its citizens to leave the country "as soon as possible" after evacuating 210 nationals.

The "complex and severe domestic security situation" prompted the evacuation warning, the foreign ministry said.

On Friday Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told AFP their fighters had captured the town of Islam Qala on the Iranian frontier and the Torghundi crossing with Turkmenistan.

A spokesman for the governor of Herat province said Saturday the authorities were deploying fresh troops to retake the Islam Qala post, the biggest trade crossing between Iran and Afghanistan. "They will be sent there soon," he told AFP.

The Afghan government has repeatedly dismissed the Taliban's gains as having little strategic value, but the seizure of multiple border crossings and the taxes they generate will likely fill the group's coffers with new revenue.

With the Taliban having routed much of northern Afghanistan in recent weeks, the government holds little more than a constellation of provincial capitals that must largely be reinforced and resupplied by air. *AFP*

'Deploying militia to fight Taliban may worsen situation'

Kabul: Pakistan's envoy to Kabul called on the international community Saturday to help strengthen Afghanistan's security forces, warning that deploying militiamen to fight the Taliban could worsen the situation in the violence-wracked country. The Taliban have launched a blistering offensive across Afghanistan since early May. With the insurgents claiming to control 85% of the country, several warlords have started mobilising fighters to defend their territory and back government forces.

Bandits kill 35 villagers in Nigeria

KANO

ARMED raiders killed at least 35 people in five villages in northwest Nigeria's Zamfara state, police said on Saturday, in the latest deadly attack to hit the violence-torn region.

Local residents said up to 43 villagers were killed in the raid late on Thursday. "Thirty-five people were killed by the bandits in the five villages," state police spokesman Mohammed Shehu told AFP.

Motorcycle-riding gunmen launched coordinated attacks on remote villages of Gidan Adamu, Tsauni, Gidan Baushi, Gidan Maidawa and Wari in Maradun district, shooting residents and burning homes. "The attackers left before security teams arrived because the area is hard to reach due to bad roads," Shehu said. But residents said 43 people were killed and seven injured in the attack.

"We found a total of 43 bodies from the villages along with seven people with injuries," resident Danladi Sabo told AFP.

He said those killed were buried on Friday while the injured were taken to hospital in Gusau, the state capital.

Northwest and central Nigeria have been regularly terrorised by gangs of cattle thieves and kidnappers who raid villages, killing and seizing residents as well as stealing livestock after looting and burning homes.

On Wednesday, bandits killed 18 people when they raided Tsauwa village in Katsina state. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

At least 27 killed in accidents in Algeria

Algiers: At least 27 people died in two road accidents in Algeria overnight, including when a bus smashed into a truck, local media reported on Saturday. In one crash on Friday night, a bus and truck collided on a road connecting Constantine to the Mediterranean port of Jijel in the northeast of the country, leaving 18 dead and 11 injured, the official APS news agency said. Six children were among those killed. In Bordj Badji Mokhtar, a Sahara desert region bordering Mali, nine people died when a 4x4 and a truck crashed.

Violence erupts over jailing of South Africa's ex-prez

MOOI RIVER

SUPPORTERS of former South African president Jacob Zuma are protesting his imprisonment, burning trucks, commercial property, and blocking major roads in KwaZulu-Natal province. They are demanding that he be released from prison.

Zuma started serving a 15-month sentence for contempt of court earlier this week. His bid to be released from the Estcourt Correctional Center was rejected by a regional court on Friday and he is set to make another attempt with the country's apex court on Monday.

His supporters in KwaZulu-Natal, his home area, have been blocking roads, setting trucks alight and damaging and looting shops in various spots in the province. At Mooi River, near Pietermaritzburg, about 20 trucks were stopped and set on fire early Saturday, according to witnesses.

A truck ferrying new luxury vehicles could be seen burning along a major road. A truck for the UN World Food Program was also set alight, after protesters took bags of maize meal from the vehicle. A large retail supermarket in the area was also looted. Police say have arrested 27 people involved in the burning and looting, said spokesman for KwaZulu-Natal province. *AP*

Haiti asks US to deploy troops to protect key infrastructure

PORT-AU-PRINCE

HAITI'S interim government said it asked the US to deploy troops to protect key infrastructure as it tries to stabilise the country and prepare the way for elections in the aftermath of President Jovenel Moïse's assassination.

"We definitely need assistance and we've asked our international partners for help," Interim Prime Minister Claude Joseph said late on Friday. "We believe our partners can assist the national police in resolving the situation."

The stunning request for US military support recalled the tumult following Haiti's last presidential assassination, in 1915, when an angry mob dragged President Vilbrun Guillaume Sam out of the French Embassy and beat him to death. In response, President Woodrow Wilson sent the Marines into Haiti, justifying the American military occupation — which lasted nearly two decades — as a way to avert anarchy. But the Biden administration has so far given no indication it will provide military assistance. For now, it only plans to send FBI officials to assist with the ongoing investigation into a crime that has plunged Haiti, a country already wracked by gaping poverty and gang violence, into a destabilizing battle for power and constitutional standoff. On Friday, a group of lawmakers declared loyalty and recognized Joseph Lambert, the head of Haiti's dismantled senate, as provisional president in a direct challenge to the interim government's authority. They also recognized as prime minister Ariel Henry, whom Moïse had selected to replace Joseph a day before he was killed but who had not yet taken office or formed a government. Joseph spoke as more details emerged of a killing that increasingly has taken the air of murky, international conspiracy involving a Hollywood actor, a shootout with gunmen holed up in a foreign embassy and a private security firm operating out of a cavernous warehouse in Miami. *AP*

Trump-appointed head of social security agency fired

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden has fired the commissioner of Social Security after the official refused to resign, and Biden accepted the deputy commissioner's resignation, the White House said.

Biden asked commissioner **Andrew Saul** to resign, and his employment was terminated Friday after he refused the Democratic president's request, a White House official said. Deputy Commissioner David Black agreed to resign, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss personnel matters.

Both officials had been put in place under President Donald Trump, a Republican. Biden named Kilolo Kijakazi as acting commissioner while the administration conducts a search for a permanent commissioner and deputy commissioner. Kijakazi currently is the deputy commissioner for retirement and disability policy at the Social Security Administration. Saul's removal followed a Justice Department legal opinion that found he could be removed, despite a statute that says he could only be fired for neglecting his duties or malfeasance. *AP*

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This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our clients, **M.VISWESWARAIAH S/o M. Rajashekhar** purchased the **"Schedule Property"** mentioned hereunder from **Smt. NIJU DEVI D/o Sri.Ram Binod Singh.** The predecessor in title, had handed over possession of the Schedule Property along with all the relevant documents to our client.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-4)

As per KTTP Act-2000 and recent Amendments the **Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Division Belagavi** has invited the item rate Tender for the **4702/NABARD R.I.D.F.-26/Flood Head through E-Procurement Portal System (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Total 08 Nos. Estimate Amount is Min. Rs. 90.00 Lakhs and Max. Rs. 850.00 Lakhs.** The contractor should quote rates without adding GST The GST amount will be paid separately. In case of extension period of work, if GST rates are increased then the contractor himself should pay the increased GST amount. The work details can be obtained from **Dt : 16-07-2021 to 23-07-2021 upto 16.00 hrs.**

1) Per-Bid Meeting Date only for KW-4 work : 22-07-2021 morning 11.00 a.m. 2) Tender Queries Date : 22-07-2021 till evening 5.30 p.m. 3) Tender Receipt Last Date : 23-07-2021 evening 4.00 p.m. 4) Tender Opening Date : 26-07-2021 evening 11.00 a.m. (if possible). 5) For Tender Details Office address : Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Division Belagavi. 6) Website address : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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CHANGE OF NAME

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We Ganesh LOKANATH & MONIKA GANESH residing at Riches Residency Apartment, Flat No.410, NRI Layout, Kalkere, Bangalore-560043 have changed my minor Son's Name from AADESH GANESH to AJAIY SURIYA GANESH vide affidavit dated 08.07.21 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJULA SHIVAKUMAR**, W/o. Shivakumar S., aged about 41 years, residing at No. 307, 3rd Floor, Victory Harmony Apartment, 4th Cross, Sumangali Sevashrama Road, Bangalore North, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560 032, have changed my name from **BEGAMUDRE GOVINDARAJU MANJULA** to **MANJULA SHIVAKUMAR** vide affidavit dated 09.07.2021 sworn before H.H. Nagaraj, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) ASHFAQ AHMED KHADER S/o Abdul Khader, aged about 53 Years, Resident at No. 108/3, Siddaramappa Garden, Lingarajapuram, B'luru North St. Thomas Town, Bengaluru-560084, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) ASHFAQ AHMED** vide affidavit Dated 08/07/2021 sworn before Notary L.Gopalakrishna, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HARISH BASAPPA BHAPRI** aged 53 yrs, S/o Late. **BASAPPA BHAPRI** R/at House No.32, Lakshmi Nilaya, 2nd Floor, 4th Cross, Kariappa Layout, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560094, Karnataka, state that my names **HARISH B BHAPRI , HALAPPA BASAPPA BHAPRI, HARISH, HALAPPA B** are one and the same and belongs to me. I state that all the names are variations of **HARISH BASAPPA BHAPRI**(Final Name) vide affidavit dated 10-07-2021 before Notary **N. PERUVAZHUTHI,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, GOVINDASWAMY PONNARANGAM CHANDRA SHEKARA, S/o Mr. PONNARANGAM, Resident at G-85, 1st Cross, B Street, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560 023. have changed my name to G P CHANDRA SHEKAR vide Affidavit dated 09.07.2021, sworn to before Notary G. Dayananda, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, UTHUMAN ALI S, S/o. Sadakathulla, Aged about 47 years, R/at No. 95B, 19th Cross, Lakshmipuram, Ulsoor, HAL 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560008, have changed my name as USMAN ALI .S vide affidavit dated 09-07-2021 sworn before notary, Mohammed Hussian, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KIRTI KUMAR PATODIA** R/at No.874, 7th Cross, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru -560034 have changed my minor daughter name from **MAISHA KASLIWAL PATODIA** to **MAISHA PATODIA** vide affidavit dated10/7/2021 Before Notary **H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya** Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SHARANAPPA NAIKODI,** aged about 30 years, S/o Bandeppa, R/a No. 611, Matakanadevanahalli (Matakal Devanahalli) Entire Village, B Salawdgi, Vijayapura, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHARANAPPA NAIKODI** to **SHARANU BANDEPPANAHALLI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHARANU BANDEPPANAHALLI,** vide affidavit dated 09-07-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.G. VENKATARAMU** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SNEHALATHA RAVI BHAT,** aged about 43 years, W/o. Ravi Bhat, R/at No. 736, 8th 'B' Main, 4th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034. I declare that **SNEHALATHA RAVI BHAT** and **SNEHALATHA R BHAT,** both names are one and the same person only. Vide affidavit dated 10-07-2021 sworn before notary, Harisha G, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHIRLEY FATHIMA D/o. Lourd Xavier Ravi Kumar** R/at No.278, 4th A Cross, Seethappa Colony, New Thippasandra, HAL 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560075 have changed my name to **SHIRLEY FATIMA SELVARAJ LOURD D/o LOURD XAVIER RAVI KUMAR MOSES SELVARAJ** vide affidavit dated:7/07/2021 Before Notary **Hemalatha. P** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **T.K. KARTHIKA,** aged about 33 years, W/o Sri T.M. Karthic Krishna, presently R/o Building No. 6, Flat No. 302, 3rd Floor, 2nd Cross, Masthi Venkatesh Iyengar Road, Gavipuram Extension, Bangalore-560019, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KARTHIKA SRIDHAR (KARTHIKA .S)** to **T.K. KARTHIKA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **T.K. KARTHIKA** only, vide affidavit dated 07-07-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **HEGDE GANAPATHI VENKATRAMAN** at Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABDUL RAZZAK,** S/o Late Shridharan, aged about 29 years, R/a Pillchandikallu House, Guruvayanakere Post, Belthangady Taluk, Dakshina Kannada, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHRIKANTH** to **ABDUL RAZZAK,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ABDUL RAZZAK** only, vide affidavit dated 09-07-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MEER HASSAN** at Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME
BE IT KNOWN TO ALL that I, **C. ANAND,** Aged about 40 years, Son of J.Chandran, Present Address No.107, 1st Floor, Mamatha Elegancy, 2nd Cross, Anantha Nagar E City, Anekal, Bangalore - 560100, Previous Address Melur Village, Melur, The Nilgiris, Tamilnadu-643221, **Aadhaar No.5506 3783 1858,** Father of **Master. HARNITH,** who is minor aged about 6 years, I hereby declare that, I have changed my Son name **HARNITH** to **HARNITH ANAND** vide Affidavit dated: 09-07-2021, sworn to before Notary N. NAGAPPA, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) K.SAGAYARAJ, residing at No. 75, Old No. 34, BH Colony, Yeshwanthpur (YPR) Bangalore North, Bangalore -560022, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) K.SAGAYARAJ** to **(NEW NAME) K.SAGADEVAN** vide affidavit Dated 10/07/2021 sworn before Notary R.J.Solanki, Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, BINDU PADMANABHAN, aged 52 years, W/o Padmanabhan. V, R/at No.33/34, 3rd Cross, Krishnamurthy Layout, S.G. Palya, Dharmaram College Post, Bengaluru -560029, That I have changed my name from **BINDU WARRIER** to **BINDU PADMANABHAN,** vide affidavit Dated 10.07.2021, before notary K V MANI, Bengaluru.

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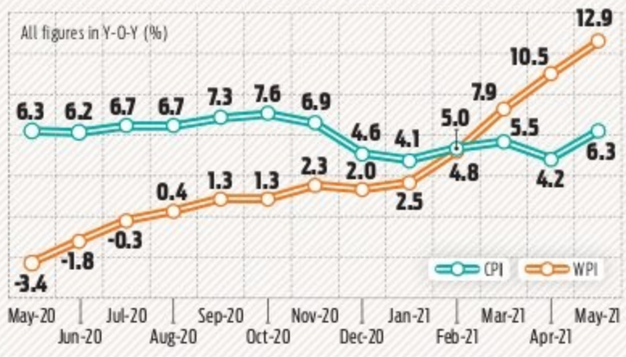
WIDENING GAP



WHERE IT HURTS

- Edible oil inflation rose to **30.8%** in May'21
- Meat prices up by **9%**, while egg prices rose **15%**
- Fuel inflation increased to near 9-year high at **11.6%**
- Health inflation rose to near 2-year high of **8.44%**

RBI downplaying inflation, but for how long it can?

Fuel prices to put pressure on other goods by way of logistics & freight costs, warn experts

SESA SEN @New Delhi

RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has been dismissing suggestions that the country will likely see a burst of inflation later this year. However, he may be forced to rethink soon.

The signs of looming price instability, aka inflation, are all around us. It is crucial for the central bank to keep the inflation below 6%, but the pass-through of decade-high wholesale price inflation has led to a steady increase in retail inflation. In May, retail inflation, which is measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), surged to 6.3% and economists say there is a strong likelihood that retail inflation in June will rise further, with core inflation likely to remain elevated above 6% levels.

Higher recovery in emerging markets has bumped up global demand and has kept international commodity prices at higher levels. Not only in petroleum products, but there has also been a broad-based surge in the prices of metals (particularly steel), cotton, edible oil and chemicals.

The rally in crude prices since end-2020 has added to cost pressures, with Brent crude hitting $72 a barrel in June from $33 in March 2020. Adding lockdown-led supply curbs to the mix, there is a perfect recipe to uncomfortable inflation. "Increase in commodity prices is having a direct effect across key subcomponents of the CPI. Surge in food prices over the past 2-3 quarters were driven by non-perishables, mainly pulses and vegetable oils, both of which are heavily influenced by global prices. Similarly, among the components of core CPI, clothing and footwear are showing evidence of rising imported price pressures," says Rahul Bajoria, chief economist at Barclays India.

As crude prices rose, India's retail fuel prices also increased crossing ₹100 per litre for petrol in a number of cities in the past month. For diesel, too, the increase has been sharp from ₹62.9 per litre in March to ₹ 87.3 a litre in June. On scanning the CPI by category, it is clear that transport prices have made the largest contribution to core inflation, rising by an average of 11.3% in May on a year-on-year basis, reversing the decline in crude prices in early 2020.

But this would be just the primary effect. The secondary effect is more damaging as it percolates into prices of other goods too by way of transport, logistics and freight costs. As such, a part of the inflation that is being witnessed in milk, vegetables, oil can be attributed to the transmission of high freight costs.

To be sure, cuts in fuel taxes apparently are not planned even though RBI has repeatedly urged the government to lower excise duties. "The Centre has to cut taxes and cannot allow prices to go up further. The phenomenal rise in excise collections last year was due to higher duties as consumption was lower. For example, in FY21 consumption of petrol was around 3,900 crore litres of petrol and 8,600 crore litres of diesel. The combined consumption is around 12,500 crore litres and hence a ₹1 reduction in taxes will mean just ₹12,500 crore of outflow. This can be a big compromise," according to Madan Sabnavis, chief economist, Care Ratings. While there is a fiscal cost for sure, he added, allowing inflation to go unchecked is a problem as it has also distorted the bond market with the MPC (monetary policy committee) firm on managing the yield curve.

Experience from the first wave suggests that lockdown-related inflationary pressures are typically sticky. Currently, there is no evidence of a demand-pull pressure. The output gap is deeply negative, unemployment is high and wage growth is weak. Economists believe even if commodity prices top out soon, price pressures are likely to build up further — not from a demand push, but due to a need for companies to compensate for the lost profit margin. "A likely recovery in demand would create room for the corporate sector to compensate for the margin compression experienced over what has been nearly a year, resulting in sticky CPI levels," added Bajoria.

According to Nomura economist Sonal Varma, "Even as the Governor seems to suggest that high inflation is a temporary phenomenon, we are more concerned. Coupled with rising supply-side (higher input costs) and demand-side (reopening) pressures, we now expect CPI inflation to average 6.1% y-o-y in 2022 and headline inflation to inch up higher to 6.5% in June. In our view, looking through inflation for too long will risk even higher inflation in the medium-term." The next couple of CPI readings will be important for establishing the extent to which the flare-up in May is reversed. The keenly-watched June CPI numbers are expected to be announced on Monday.

EXPRESS READ

DMart Q1 profit rises over two-fold to ₹95 cr

New Delhi: Avenue Supermarts, which owns and operates retail chain DMart, on Saturday reported over two-fold jump in consolidated net profit at ` 95.36 crore for June quarter 2021-22. The company had posted a net profit of ` 40.08 cr in April-June period a year ago, when the markets were under lockdown.

Equitas SFB gets nod to merge with promoter

New Delhi: Equitas Holding, the promoter of Equitas Small Finance Bank, on Saturday said that the Reserve Bank of India has allowed it to file for a scheme of amalgamation of the promoter entity with the bank. Currently, Equitas Holdings holds an 82% stake in the bank.

Kitex saga exposes Kerala's biz-unfriendly image

RAJESH ABRAHAM

SOMETIME in the early 1980s, Malayalis were asked to name one most important investment they want to see in Kerala. It is said most people demanded an airport near their village. Amusing it may sound, but it exposed Kerala's development conundrum.

In the previous decades, driven by rising unemployment and an unfriendly business environment, a large number of Malayalis had crossed the Arabian seas to reach the deserts of West Asia in search of jobs and a better future for their families back home. Not surprisingly, the big development they wanted to see then was an airport near their home. The only airport then was located in Trivandrum, the state's southern tip.

The 1980s and 1990s accentuated the flight of people to outside the state as a large number of companies including the likes of Gwalio Rayons, (Grasim Industries), Toshiba Anand, Premier Cables, and Madura Coats shut their factories while no big fresh investment materalised here, thanks to the militant labour unions, hyper-active environment groups, and the infamous red tape. More than four decades later, the situation seems to be no different. Kerala ranks 28th in the country in the ease of doing business rankings, down from 18th position in 2015.

The state's ill-famed business environment is back in focus now after Kitex Garments, the world's third-largest supplier of infant wear which employs over 9,000 people at its factory in the outskirts of Kochi, announced it was scrapping a ₹3,500-crore expansion plan in Kerala alleging that the company was being harassed by various government departments. The labour department notice served on June 28 said Kitex violated at least 73 rules while the company's promoter and MD Sabu Jacob termed it a witch-hunt and challenged the authorities to prove the violations. It's no secret that the company's growing political ambitions have triggered the sudden raids. For the uninitiated, Kitex Group unruffled both the Left and the Congress-led fronts in the state after Twenty20, the political outfit floated by Jacob, won power in Kizhakkambalam where the company is headquartered and nearby panchayats in the local body elections last year. As both Kitex and the Communist government accuse each other, the state's attempt to improve the business environment has taken a massive hit.

Meanwhile, unruly trade unions continue to rule the roost. In 2018, Synthite Industries, one of the world's largest producers of spice oils and oleoresins, threatened to shut down its factory in Kochi after the Left union-led strike disrupted its operations. Since then, Synthite has reduced its workforce from 800 to 500 at its Kochi unit, even as it expanded in neighbouring Tamil Nadu, Karnakata, and Andhra Pradesh. In 2019, Muthoot Finance, a leading gold loan NBFC, said it will wind up its branches in Kerala after a CITU-backed union disrupted the functioning of 300-plus branches of the company in Kerala.

While the state government seems to be in no hurry to settle the dispute with Kitex, the quick move by other states to lure the company has brought to fore the contrasting views of Kerala and other states on attracting investments. At least eight states including all the other southern states are wooing the kids-wear maker, offering various sops including cheap loans and land at half the price for setting up factories there. Telangana, on Friday, sent a special private jet to Kochi to escort a Kitex delegation led by Jacob for talks in Hyderabad with Industries Minister K T Rama Rao to clinch a ₹1,000-crore investment deal for a kids garment facility that would generate 4,000 new jobs.

"While I received invitations from chief ministers or the industry ministers from eight states inviting me to invest in their states, no one from the Kerala government enquired to check what's going on for four days," says Kitex's Jacob.

V K Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist, Geojit Financial Services, attributes the worsening investment climate to Kerala's predominantly left bureaucracy, fed on anti-business ideology, which he reckons is far worse than in other states. This has to change, he says. "One solution is to remove human discretion from company inspections. This should be system-driven with adequate prior information," said Vijayakumar. To be fair, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who led the LDF to its second consecutive term in the May elections, has been taking several key decisions to attract investment into Kerala. The completion of the long-pending Gail gas pipeline and the land acquisition for NHAI six-lane conversion in record time have sent the right messages.

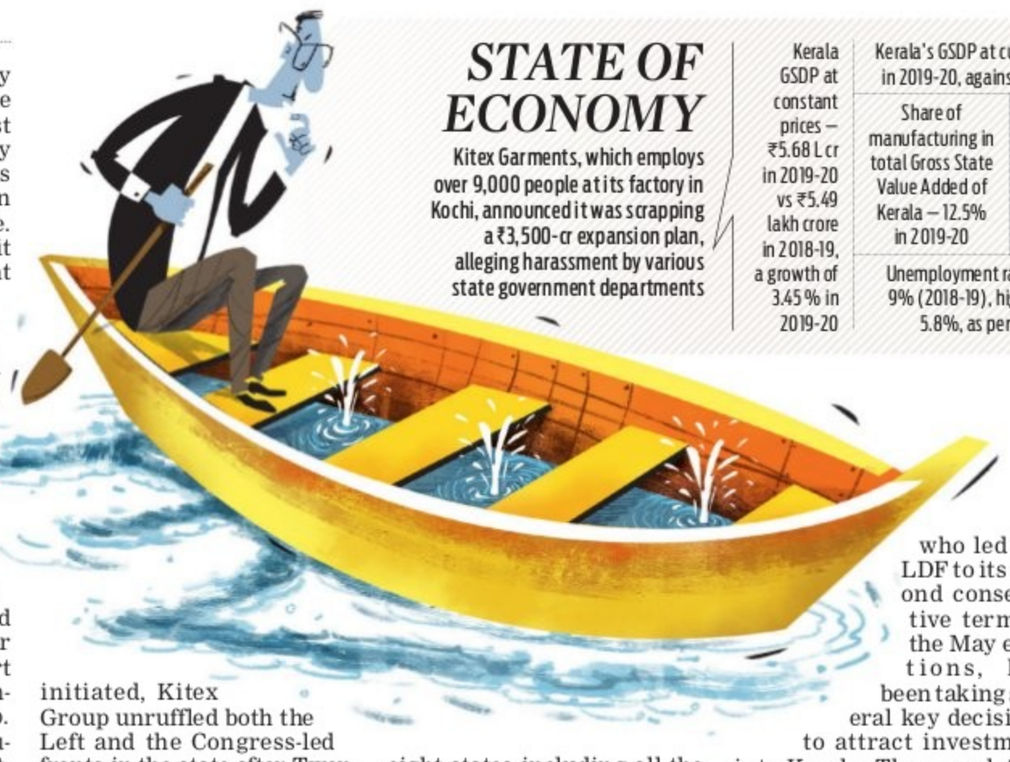
"The Kitex episode signals to the public a partisan approach of Kerala government administrative machinery laced with a political vendetta which could seriously derail the hard-fought achievements of the state in improving the investment climate and ease of doing business in Kerala," says Ashok Thomas, assistant professor and chairperson, economics at IIM-Kozhikode. Additionally, such misadventures would puncture the perception of quality of administration and on corruption, among future entrepreneurs and potential MSME promoters in the state, the IIM-K professor says. Adds Geojit's Vijayakumar: "Entrepreneurs have to be encouraged and not harassed." There have been many instances of politicians at the local level asking for many favours, including jobs for their people, from businessmen and when not obliged, harass them, he says.

Kitex's Jacob admits Chief Minister Vijayan sincerely wants to bring investment into the state, but the message has not gone down to the officials and local-level party leaders down the ladder. "In reality, the ease of doing business has not improved on the ground. What I'm going through is what an overwhelming majority of businessmen are facing in the state. No one is speaking out due to fear of repercussions," says Jacob.

While the Chief Minister is yet to comment on the Kitex controversy, the state industries minister P Rajeeve termed the allegations "baseless" and alleges Sabu was trying to paint Kerala as an "investor-unfriendly state". Lulu group founder Yusuff Ali MA says it's unfortunate that big investment is going out of Kerala. "The solution to the unemployment is through private entrepreneurs along with the government. The government should intervene and stop Kitex from going out of the state," Yussuf Ali, who is no stranger to activist groups, says.

Since the 1980s, Kerala has built three more airports – in Kozhikode, Kochi and Kannur. The tiny state is now planning its fifth airport, in Pathanamthitta district. It is also the only state with three international airports. Remittances by an estimated 25 lakh expat Malayalees have been powering the state economy for the last several decades. The state has the highest unemployment rate at 40.5% among youth between 15-29 years of age, nearly double the national average of 21%.

It's time Kerala changes its approach towards business and investment. Else, as Kitex's Sabu says, the state will be one big old-age home where parents spend their sunset years alone while their sons and daughters toil in a distant land. The solution won't be in having more airports.



STATE OF ECONOMY

Kitex Garments, which employs over 9,000 people at its factory in Kochi, announced it was scrapping a ₹3,500-cr expansion plan, alleging harassment by various state government departments

- Kerala GSDP at constant prices – ₹5.68 L cr in 2019-20 vs ₹5.49 lakh crore in 2018-19, a growth of 3.45% in 2019-20
- Kerala's GSDP at current prices – ₹8.54 lakh crore (quick estimate) in 2019-20, against ₹7.90 lakh crore in 2018-19, a growth of 8.15%
- Share of manufacturing in total Gross State Value Added of Kerala – 12.5% in 2019-20
- Unemployment: Joblessness among youth between 15-29 years – 40.5%, nearly double the national average of 21%, as per periodic Labour Force Survey for the first quarter of 2020
- Unemployment rate among general population – 9% (2018-19), higher than the national figure of 5.8%, as per the Economic Review 2020
- Kerala's share in total value added by India's factory sector is mere 1.6% in 2016-17

NEWSCOPE

INDIA NEEDS TO SETTLE WITH Cairn Energy and the rest

GURBIR SINGH

THE Indian government's refusal to honour the award of an international arbitration tribunal to pay Edinburgh-based Cairn Energy its dues is becoming increasingly embarrassing. While the energy major has registered cases in various countries — the US, Netherlands, Germany, etc — for seizing government assets like Air India's aircraft, a French court has obliged and ordered a freeze on 20 Indian properties in central Paris.

In a nutshell: The tax department seized and sold a 10% stake in Cairn's Indian operations in lieu of tax claims for purported capital gains related to restructuring of the company in 2006. The tax department relied on an amendment to the Finance Act which allowed levy of taxes retrospectively since 1962.

After arbitration proceedings spread over 5 years, the international tribunal, in December 2020, held that the Indian government had violated the bilateral investment treaty signed between the UK and India; and directed Cairn be compensated about $1.7 billion or about ₹12,580 crore.

If the Indian government thinks it can somehow muddle through this dispute, it is not going to happen. There is an appeal filed against the Hague tribunal award on 22 March, this year; but it will not stop courts in various countries ordering the seizure of Indian assets. The French tribunal order is only the opening broadside. Such seizures are not uncommon. For instance, an Argentine naval ship was seized in Ghana to settle a claim by US hedge fund Elliot Capital against the Argentinian government for defaulting on the payment of sovereign bonds it had issued.

"Clearly what we want to do is find an agreed amicable settlement with the government of India," David Nisbet, Cairn Energy's director for group corporate affairs, told BBC, adding: "but we also have a fiduciary duty to protect the rights of our shareholders."

SOUMYADIP SINHA

STRING OF DEFAULTS

Unfortunately, India's Cairn default on international arbitration awards is not a one-off. In September last, the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague ruled that India's retrospective demand of ₹22,100 crore as capital gains and withholding tax imposed on Vodafone for a 2007 acquisition of Hutchinson Whampoa assets was "in breach of the guarantee of fair and equitable treatment" guaranteed by a bilateral investment treaty between Indian and The Netherlands.

Earlier, based on Vodafone's challenge to the tax demand, the Supreme Court had ruled in 2012 that the company was not liable to be taxed in India. Justice Radhakrishnan, one of the 3-member bench, noted that the Indian tax authorities' demand for "capital gains tax, in my view, would amount to imposing capital punishment for capital investment since it lacks authority of law".

To circumvent the Supreme Court ruling, the Congress' then finance minister Pranab Mukherjee, pushed through an amendment to the Finance Act empowering the Income Tax Department to impose tax retrospectively on such deals.

Devas Multimedia is another company seeking over $1.2 billion it won in international arbitration from India. It relates to an old 2011 dispute when an Indian state-owned company Antrix Corp annulled an agreement with Devas citing *force majeure*. Devas claimed and proved that the annulment in fact eroded the value of its multi-million dollar investments. When the Indian government failed to honour the award, Devas joined Cairn Energy in seeking to seize Air India's assets abroad.

VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

It is now difficult for India to wriggle out of these arbitration awards. The tribunals have pointed out that there are treaties between India and the UK, in the case of Cairn, and The Netherlands in the case of Vodafone, that guarantee "fair and equitable treatment" for each other's investments; and if a dispute arises, it would have to be settled amicably through arbitration.

A review of the cases show arbitration between the Indian government and the private companies has been carried out, and both sides have participated. An award in each case has been delivered; and now, sanctified by the treaties, the awards have to be honoured.

Second, at a broader level, the accepted principle the world over is taxation is a 'prospective' impost and cannot be 'retrospective'. In other words, those entering a business environment cannot be taken by surprise by imposing tax rules predating their entry. It's like changing the goalpost midway through a game of football!

India's image has taken a beating in international business circles because of these disputes. The existing impression — that it is almost impossible to enforce a contract in India because of the convoluted and slow legal process — has only been strengthened.

In an interview in September 2014 on why it was difficult to do business in India, Vodafone Group CEO Vittorio Colao said: "Was I surprised at the international backlash post the retrospective taxation, I was not surprised. Has this really backfired on India, the answer is, yes. I wasn't surprised when India's public image suffered."

These are important lessons. The government, instead of filing appeals that will only extend the pain, should sit down with these companies and resolve the disputes. That is if it is still serious about becoming a popular destination for international investors.

30 Number of Grand Slam finals that Novak Djokovic has reached in his glittering career

01 Matteo Berrettini is the first Italian player ever to reach the final of Wimbledon.

Colombia finish 3rd

BRASILIA: LUIS Diaz scored a sensational winner with virtually the last kick of the match as Colombia beat Peru 3-2 in Brasilia on Friday to finish third in the Copa America. The goal was the 24-year-old Porto forward's second of the match and came just 10 minutes after Gianluca Lapadula looked to have sent the game into a penalty shoot-out.

CHASING RECORDS

At SW 19, Novak Djokovic stands on the cusp of history but so does challenger, Matteo Berrettini. A look at the men's Wimbledon final on Sunday...

NOVAK DJOKOVIC, SERBIA		MATTEO BERRETTINI, ITALY
34	AGE	25
01	RANKING	09
02	H2H	0
19	MAJORS	01

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NO 20 BECKONS

As far as narratives go, this will be the most dominant one at Wimbledon. To be fair, it's been the most overriding theme in all of men's tennis in the last few years. It's not a matter of if but when the Serb will catch up with his two great rivals. It could easily come Sunday.

AN ITALIAN OPPORTUNITY

Forget winning, Italians don't even threaten to win Majors in men's tennis. In more than 50 years of Open Era tennis, only one, Adriano Panatta, has won a Major (French Open, 1976). In that context, Berretini has a great opportunity to dry and reshape tennis' contours.

TIGHT AFFAIR ON CARDS The World No 1 is the favourite, of that there is little doubt. But the Italian does possess handy weapons that might cause problems. At Roland Garros, he won a set against Djokovic. And Djokovic himself was off-colour against Denis Shapavalov in the semifinals but won the big points.

FRESHERS BARTY

Top seed emulates her inspiration Goolagong for first Wimbledon crown

Australia's Ashleigh Barty reacts after defeating Czech Republic's Karolina Pliskova in the women's singles final in London, on Saturday | AP

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EVERYTHING came so easily for Ash Barty at the start of the Wimbledon final. Hard to believe one player would grab the first 14 points of a major championship match.

Surely, it couldn't stay that one-sided, right? Of course not. Still, Barty used that perfect start and a strong-enough finish to get the job done, holding off Karolina Pliskova's comeback bid to win 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-3 at the All England Club on Saturday for her second Grand Slam title.

"It took me a long time to verbalize the fact that I wanted to dare to dream it and say I wanted to win this incredible tournament. ... I didn't sleep a lot last night. I was thinking of all the 'What-ifs,'" the No. 1-ranked Barty said.

"But I think when I was coming out on this court, I felt at home, in a way."

She adds this trophy to the one she won at the French Open in 2019.

Barty is the first Australian woman to win Wimbledon since Evonne Goolagong in 1980. Barty was a teenager when she first met Goolagong and considers her an inspiration and a mentor.

"I hope I made Evonne proud," said Barty, who wore an outfit that was a tribute to the dress Goolagong played in when she won the tournament for the first time, 50 years ago.

Indian-American in jr final

Indian-American Samir Banerjee entered the finals of the Wimbledon Junior Men's final. Samir beat Sascha Gueymard Wayenburg of France 7-6, 4-6, 6-2 in the semifinals.

(L-R) England's Harry Maguire, Harry Kane & Kieran Trippier attend a training session on Saturday ahead of their clash against Italy | AFP

Home or Rome?

Will England's 55 years of hurt finally end? Will Italy's new style give them immediate rewards. A look at Sunday's Euro final at Wembley...

ITALY'S MIDFIELD HOLDS THE KEY

Yes, Spain made them suffer but England are no Spain. They do have decent midfielders but there is nobody in the Pedri or Sergi Busquets range. They will hog possession and England will be looking to break them down and hit them on the counter. But if the likes of Marco Verratti, Nicolo Barella and Jorginho can exert the kind of control they are capable of exerting, the match should be within their grasp.

STERLING'S MOMENT IS RIGHT NOW

England are a compact team with a focus on defensive structure. That said, they also have an elite attacker, who has been at the peak. If England do win, Sterling could well win the Golden Ball, that's how good he has been. It's not just his goals (three, joint seventh) or attempts (14, joint ninth) but also his dribbles (29, first). He drives at the heart of the defense and that always causes problems.

KANE AND THE TWO VETERANS

For all the emphasis on Italy's forward play and general fluidity, their old warhorses — Leo Bonucci and Giorgio Chiellini — came to their rescue on a number of occasions in the knockouts. They take no prisoners, still celebrate goal-denying tackles like extra-time goals and are so experienced. Against Harry Kane, they will be up against an attacker who has finally found his feat after a slow start. He will look to drop deep to play in the likes of Sterling and Bukayo Saka (if he starts) and those are the kind of runs that the two centrebacks will have to watch out for.

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Bajrang to resume mat training this week

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

WRESTLER Bajrang Punia is expected to get back on the mat this week and start training after serving time out due to a knee injury he suffered more than two weeks ago. Currently in Russia, the wrestler, however, is expected to take few more days before resuming full-fledged training. He had injured his right knee during a bout against Russian grappler Abdulmazhid Kudiev at the Ali Aliev Memorial on June 25. He had forfeited the bout as he was struggling to stand and later limped off the mat.

"He is recovering well and expected to resume training this week," said a source closely monitoring Bajrang's progress. "For the first few days, he will take it easy and then increase the workload gradually depending upon the situation."

EXPRESS READ

Rescheduled Ind-SL series from July 18

CHENNAI: THE Indian cricket board (BCCI) and Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) on Saturday announced the revised itinerary of India's upcoming tour of Sri Lanka, 2021. The decision to reschedule the series was taken on the basis of health advisory after the Sri Lankan contingent detected Covid positive cases. The tour, earlier scheduled to start from July 13 comprising three ODIs and as many T20Is will now start from July 18 with the first ODI.

KSCA secretary in BCCI working group

BENGALURU : Karnataka State Cricket Association secretary Santosh Menon has been named on the BCCI working group for domestic cricket. The group, which inlcudes Mohammad Azharuddin, Menon (South Zone), Rohan Jaitley (North Zone), Avishek Dalmiya (East Zone), Jaydev Shah (West Zone), Yudhvir Singh (central Zone), Devajit Saikia (Northeast Zone), will look into the various aspects of domestic cricket.

KSA felicitate Oly-bound swimmers

BENGALURU : Karnataka Swimming Association (KSA) presented Tokyo-bound Olympic swimmers Srihari Natraj and Sajan Prakash with Rs 2 lakh each, while Maana Patel, who earned her place via universality quota, was handed a cheque of Rs one lakh. Their coaches, Pradeep Kumar and Nihar Ameen were given Rs 50,000 each by the KSA. The ceremony was attended by KSA officials while KOA president K Govindraj also graced the occasion.

1st nat'l boxing event since Covid from July 18

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

THE last time India hosted competitive boxing of any note was in December 2019 — Big Bout League. The Covid-19 pandemic has proven to be a stumbling block for the Boxing Federation of India (BFI), the governing body of the sport in the country, ever since. However, it looks like the dry spell will be over soon. The BFI is looking to conduct youth and junior national championships, starting next week. The events, which is subject to government approval, will act as selection trials for the upcoming ASBC Youth & Junior Championships scheduled to be held from August 17 in Dubai, UAE.

Promising talents like Geetika Narwal (48kg) and Alfiya Pathan (+81kg), gold winners during the 2021 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships, are expected to be part of the youth nationals which is scheduled to be held from July 18-23 at Delhi Public School, Sonepat (Haryana).

The junior event is expected to be held from July 26-31 at the same venue. The draw for both the events will be held a day before it commences. The winners in each weight category will be picked for the continental event. "The main reason (behind conducting the events) is to select the team for the Asian Championships. And to have this as nationals is even better as there's so much uncertainty in regards to the Covid-19 situation. The Covid situation has been improving and we have already made a formal request to the Haryana government. If they permit, BFI is ready to host. The event should go ahead as per plan," Hemanta Kumar Kalita, BFI secretary general, said.

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Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited, Kalaburagi invites bids from the eligible bidders for "Creation of electrical infrastructures to Un-authorized irrigation pump sets of various O&M Divisions of GESCOM as detailed below on Division Wise Lots under PTK Unit Rate Contract Basis" (Distribution Transformer will be supplied by GESCOM) for a period of 01 year, extendable by one more Year at the discretion of GESCOM.

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Amount put to tender Rs. in Lakhs : Minimum : Rs. 146.50, Maximum : Rs. 2034.66

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P & SC No. 26/2021

(In the matter of Grant Letters of Administration in respect of the Will executed by the deceased Mr. Huchegowda)

BETWEEN: Chikkegowda C.H. S/o Huchegowda, aged about 45 years, Cheemasandra Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk. ... **PETITIONER**

AND: Nil ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Petitioner above named has filed a petition under section 276 of the Indian Succession Act 1925, seeking Letter of Administration in respect of the Will of Mr. Huchegowda dated 20.02.1999 in respect of the schedule property to have effect throughout the state of Karnataka in "Indian Express" English news paper. If any objection regarding the said petition arises, kindly file objections to the said petition or appear before the Hon'ble court in person or through an Advocate on **18.08.2021** at 11 A.M, in the above petition, failing which the said petition will be heard and determined ex-parte.

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Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 09-07-2021.

By order of the Court, Chief Administrative Officer, District & Sessions Court, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

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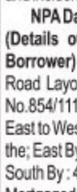
DEMAND NOTICE

Notice u/s 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Hereinafter called 'Act')

'Subject: Financial assistance sanctioned to you by Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd–Defaults committed by you in payment of installments of Principal, interest etc.

We, **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd, Bangalore,** had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has been returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.



Name and Address of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Devaraj Pande S. S/o Late Sri K.S.Pande, No. 605, West of Chord Road, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block Extension, 2nd 'C' Cross Road, 2nd Main Road, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore 560079. **Personal Guarantee: Smt. Prem Pande** W/o Devaraj Pande S. No. 605, West of Chord Road, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block Extension, 2nd 'C' Cross Road, 2nd Main Road, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore 560079.

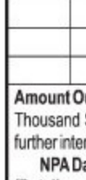
Sl. No.	Nature of Facility	Amount Outstanding as on 31.5.2021	
1.	Immovable Property Loan	Principle	97,99,926.00
		Interest upto 31.5.2021	15,00,855.00
		Penal Interest	3,386.00
		Other Charges	0.00
		TOTAL	1,13,04,167.00

Amount Outstanding Rs.1,13,04,167/- (Rupees One Crore Thirteen lakhs Four Thousand One Hundred Sixty-seven only) as on **31.5.2021** with further interest and incidental expenses,

NPA Date : 29.10.2020 **Demand Notice Dated : 29.06.2021**

(Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.605, situated at West of Chord Road, III Stage, III Block, Extension, BBMP Ward Old No. 19, Bengaluru measuring East to West (20.10+17.70)/2 meters North to South (10.70+12.00)/2 meters with constructions thereon: East by : Road, West by : Property No. 606, North by : Property No. 605A, South by : Road.

Mortgaged in favour of the Bank vide Reg. No. RJN-1-05091-2007-08 dated 18.02.2008 stored in CD No. RJND120 in the Office of the Sub- Registerar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore.



Name and Address of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : C.Jayagopal, S/o C.Chenna Rayudu, Flat No.023, Block-F, Saipoorna Heights, Opp. Families Supermarket, Somasundarapalya, HSR II Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore. **Personal Guarantee: C.Jhansilakshmi,** Flat No.023, Saipoorna Heights,F Block,Opp. Families Supermarket, Somasundarapalya, HSR II Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102.

Sl. No.	Nature of Facility	Amount Outstanding as on 30.6.2021	
1.	Overdraft Loan	Total Outstanding As on 30.06.2021	4,73,34,771.00

Amount Outstanding Rs.4,73,34,771/- (Rupees Four Crores Seventy-three lakhs Thirty four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-one only) as on **30.6.2021**with further interest and incidental expenses,

NPA Date : 28.11.2020 **Demand Notice Dated : 01.07.2021**

(Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower) All that piece and parcel of the BDA Site No.1115, situated at Hosuru Sarjapura Road Layout, Sector VII, After inclusion into BBMP HSR Layout Ward No.174, BBMP No.854/1115, 18th Cross, 6th Main, HSR Layout, New PID No.174-W0140-4, measuring East to West 15.20 Mts., North to South 23.71 Mts. and constructions thereon bounded on the; East By : Property No.1116, West By : Property No.1114, North By : Property No.1138, South By : 40 ft. Road

Mortgaged in favour of the Bank vide Reg. No. BMH-1-02975-2014-15 dated 24.07.2014 stored in CD No. BMHD679 in the Office of the Additional/Joint-Sub Registerar, Bommanahalli, Bangalore.

3. Name and Address of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Smt. Prem Pande W/o Devaraj Pande S. No. 605, West of Chord Road, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block Extension, 2nd 'C' Cross Road, 2nd Main Road, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore 560079. **Personal Guarantee: Devaraj Pande S.** S/o Late Sri K.S.Pande, No. 605, West of Chord Road, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block Extension, 2nd 'C' Cross Road, 2nd Main Road, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore 560079.

Sl. No.	Nature of Facility	Amount Outstanding as on 31.5.2021	
1.	Immovable Property Loan	Principle	1,25,91,409.00
		Interest upto 31.5.2021	19,28,811.00
		Penal Interest	4,417.00
		Other Charges	0.00
		TOTAL	1,45,24,637.00

Amount Outstanding Rs.1,45,24,637/- (Rupees One Crore Forty-five lakhs Twenty-four Thousand Six Thousand Thirty-seven Hundred Thirty-seven only) as on **31.5.2021** with further interest and incidental expenses,

NPA Date : 29.10.2020 **Demand Notice Dated : 29.06.2021**

(Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.605, situated at West of Chord Road, III Stage, III Block, Extension, BBMP Ward Old No. 19, Bengaluru measuring East to West (20.10+17.70)/2 meters North to South (10.70+12.00)/2 meters with constructions thereon: East by : Road, West by : Property No. 606, North by : Property No. 605A, South by : Road.

Mortgaged in favour of the Bank vide Reg. No. RJN-1-05091-2007-08 dated 18.02.2008 stored in CD No. RJND120 in the Office of the Sub- Registerar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore.

Name and Address of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Sri Raghavendra V. S/o Vasudevachar, No.241/A, 1st Cross, 2nd Block, 3rd Phase, BSK III Stage, Bangalore 560085.
Smt. Sujatha K.S. W/o Raghavendra V. No.241/A, 1st Cross, 2nd Block, 3rd Phase, BSK III Stage, Bangalore 560085.

Sl. No.	Nature of Facility	Amount Outstanding as on 31.05.2021	
1.	Immovable Property Loan	Principle	1,23,76,586.00
		Interest upto 31.5.2021	14,46,783.00
		Penal Interest	5,723.00
		Other Charges	350.00
		TOTAL (IPL)	1,38,29,442.00
2.	Secured Bond Loan	Principle	47,80,048.00
		Interest upto 31.5.2021	5,58,489.00
		Penal Interest	2,170.00
		Other Charges	0.00
		TOTAL (SBL)	53,40,707.00
		GRAND TOTAL	1,91,70,149.00

Amount Outstanding Rs.1,91,70,149/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety-one Lakhs Seventy Thousand One Hundred Forty-nine only) as on **31.5.2021** with further interest and incidental expenses,

NPA Date : 02.12.2020 **Demand Notice Dated : 28.06.2021**

(Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower) All that piece and parcel of the property in residential house constructed on property bearing No. 241/A, PID 54-27-241/A, having 3 bedrooms with builtup area of 4800 sq.ft. situated at 1st Cross, 2nd Block, 3rd phase, 3rd Stage, Banashankari, Bangalore, with the limits of Ward No. 54 of BBMP measuring East to West 12.19 mts. and North to South (17.98+18.23)/2 mts., totally 221.06 sq.mts. and bounded on: East by : Site No. 241, West by : Site No. 242, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 210.

Mortgaged in favour of the Bank vide Reg. No. BSG-1-00779-2016-17 dated 10.05.2016 stored in CD No. BSGD292 in the Office of the Sub- Registerar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore.

Name and Address of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Smt. Sujatha K.S. W/o Raghavendra V. No.241/A, 1st Cross, 2nd Block, 3rd Phase, BSK III Stage, Bangalore 560085. **Sri Raghavendra V.** S/o Vasudevachar, No.241/A, 1st Cross, 2nd Block, 3rd Phase, BSK III Stage, Bangalore 560085.

Sl. No.	Nature of Facility	Amount Outstanding as on 31.05.2021	
1.	O.D. Loan	Total Outstanding as on 31.05.2021	3,33,17,411.00
2.	S B L Loan	Principle	35,76,374.00
		Interest upto 31.5.2021	4,10,374.00
		Penal Interest	2,826.00
		Other Charges	0.00
		TOTAL (SBL)	39,89,574.00
		GRAND TOTAL	3,73,06,985.00

Amount Outstanding Rs. 3,73,06,985/- (Rupees Three Crore Seventy-three Lakhs Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-five only) **as on 31.5.2021** with further interest and incidental expenses,

NPA Date : 30.06.2020 **Demand Notice Dated : 28.06.2021**

(Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower) All that piece and parcel of the property in residential house constructed on property bearing No. 241/A, PID 54-27-241/A, having 3 bedrooms with builtup area of 4800 sq.ft. situated at 1st Cross, 2nd Block, 3rd phase, 3rd Stage, Banashankari, Bangalore, with the limits of Ward No. 54 of BBMP measuring East to West 12.19 mts. and North to South (17.98+18.23)/2 mts., totally 221.06 sq.mts. and bounded on: East by : Site No. 241, West by : Site No. 242, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 210

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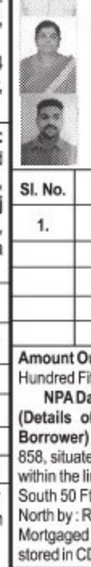


Name and Address of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Sri Suresh G. S/o Gajendran P. No.424, 4th Cross, 1 Main Road, MCEGHS Layout, R.K.Hegade Nagar, Bangalore 560008.
Personal Guarantee: 1) Smt. Asharani W/o Suresh G. No.424, 4th Cross, 1 Main Road, MCEGHS Layout, R.K.Hegade Nagar, Bangalore 560008.
2) Nagaraj V. S/o Venkataramanappa, No.424, 4th Cross, 1 Main Road, MCEGHS Layout, R.K.Hegade Nagar, Bangalore 560008.
3) Smt. Nagarathnamma W/o Nagaraj V. No.424, 4th Cross, 1 Main Road, MCEGHS Layout, R.K.Hegade Nagar, Bangalore 560008.
4) Kiran M. S/o Munivenkatappa, No.424, 4th Cross, 1 Main Road, MCEGHS Layout, R.K.Hegade Nagar, Bangalore 560008.

Sl. No.	Nature of Facility	Amount Outstanding as on 31.05.2021	
1.	CNS Loan	Principle	67,96,007.00
		Interest upto 31.5.2021	4,33,008.00
		Penal Interest	939.00
		Other Charges	700.00
		TOTAL (IPL)	72,30,654.00

Amount Outstanding Rs.72,30,654.00 (Rupees seventy-two Lakhs Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-four only) as on **31.5.2021** with further interest and incidental expenses,

NPA Date : 24.12.2020 **Demand Notice Dated : 28.06.2021**

(Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 73, House List Katha No. 858, situated at Dasarahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, within the limits of BBMP Thanisandra Ward No.6, measuring East to West 80 Ft. North to South 50 Ft. in all 4000 Sq.ft. and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Road and Thereafter House Site No. 74, South by : House Site No. 72.

Mortgaged in favour of the Bank vide Reg. No. INR-1-10583-2019-20 dated 25.02.2020 stored in CD No. INRD534 in the Office of the Sub- Registerar, Indiranagar, Bangalore.

You are here by called upon to pay **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd,** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd,** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd,** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortagaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 11.07.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd**

South Korea reported 1,378 new coronavirus cases Saturday, a record high for the third day in a row as the country prepared to impose its highest-level curbs in the greater capital area starting next week

Russia reported 752 coronavirus deaths on Saturday, a national record over a 24-hour period, as the country battles a third wave. Russia has now set seven new pandemic highs for Covid-19 deaths in the last 12 days

DNA test on trees helps pin down poacher in the US

Experts matched the DNA of wood sold by the accused to burnt trees to establish link

TECH

WASHINGTON: A federal jury has convicted a timber thief who authorities said started a large forest fire in Washington state, a case that prosecutors said marked the first time tree DNA had been introduced in a federal trial.

The jury deliberated for about seven hours before convicting Justin Andrew Wilke (39) on Thursday of conspiracy, theft of public property, depredation of public property, and trafficking and attempted trafficking in unlawfully harvested timber, the U.S. Attorney's Office for Western Washington said in a news release.

Prosecution clinched on expert's testimony

The wood he sold to a mill in the city of Tumwater had been harvested from private property with a valid permit, Wilke said. But a research geneticist for the U.S. Forest Service, Richard Cronn, testified that the wood he sold genetically matched the remains of three poached trees. Wilke used gasoline to destroy a wasp's nest in the base of a maple tree he was stealing, prosecutors said, though jurors did not convict him of charges related to the fire. Some witnesses testified that, although Wilke was standing next to the nest when the fire began, they did not see his actions in the dark.

Wilke and others conducted an illegal logging operation in the Elk Lake area of the Olympic National Forest, near Hood Canal, between April and August 2018, according to records filed in the case. He poached maple trees prized as wood for musical instruments and brought them to lumber mills.

In July 2018, a man who had just been released from prison, Shawn Williams, joined the conspiracy; he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to more than two years in prison.

In August 2018, the group decided to cut the maple tree that had the wasp's nest near the base, prosecutors said. The poachers sprayed insecticide and gasoline and then lit the nest on fire — starting a 5.2-square-mile (13.4-square-kilometer) wildfire that came to be dubbed the "Maple Fire," according to authorities.

Williams testified during the trial that it was Wilke who set the blaze, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Stands to face 10 years in jail

"When people steal trees from our public lands, they are stealing a beautiful and irreplaceable resource from all of us and from future generations," Acting U.S. Attorney Tessa Gorman said in a news release. "That theft, coupled with the sheer destruction of the forest fire that resulted from this activity, warrants federal criminal prosecution."

Wilke faces up to 10 years in prison when he is sentenced in October

GLOSSARY

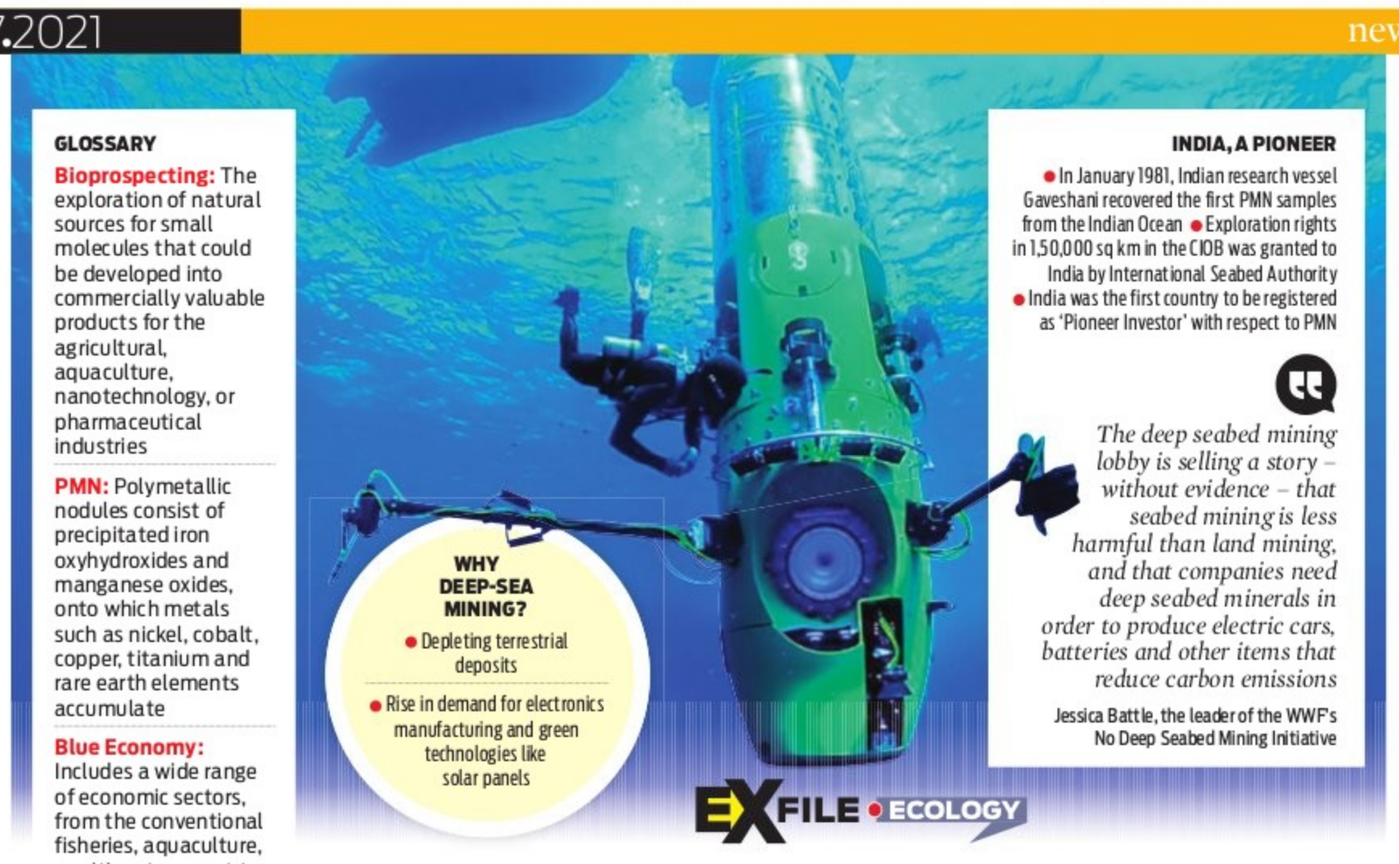
Bioprospecting: The exploration of natural sources for small molecules that could be developed into commercially valuable products for the agricultural, aquaculture, nanotechnology, or pharmaceutical industries

PMN: Polymetallic nodules consist of precipitated iron oxyhydroxides and manganese oxides, onto which metals such as nickel, cobalt, copper, titanium and rare earth elements accumulate

Blue Economy: Includes a wide range of economic sectors, from the conventional fisheries, aquaculture, maritime transport to emergent spheres such as coastal renewable energy, marine ecosystem services

CONCERNS

- Scraping of the sea floor and subsequent pollution could wipe out entire species – many yet to be discovered
- Mining could stir up fine sediments on the sea floor threatening animal survival
- Noise and light pollution from mining
- Possibility of fuel or toxic products leaking or spilling into the ocean
- Could affect global fisheries – threatening the main protein source of around 1 billion people and the livelihoods of around 200 million people



WHY DEEP-SEA MINING?

- Depleting terrestrial deposits
- Rise in demand for electronics manufacturing and green technologies like solar panels

INDIA, A PIONEER

- In January 1981, Indian research vessel Gaveshani recovered the first PMN samples from the Indian Ocean
- Exploration rights in 1,50,000 sq km in the CIOB was granted to India by International Seabed Authority
- India was the first country to be registered as 'Pioneer Investor' with respect to PMN

The deep seabed mining lobby is selling a story – without evidence – that seabed mining is less harmful than land mining, and that companies need deep seabed minerals in order to produce electric cars, batteries and other items that reduce carbon emissions

Jessica Battle, the leader of the WWF's No Deep Seabed Mining Initiative

EXFILE • ECOLOGY

SEA-CHANGE IN INDIA's MINING SECTOR

In June last, the Indian Cabinet cleared the Deep Ocean Mission for commercial exploitation of minerals and Polymetallic Nodules (PMN) from a depth of 6,000 metres in the Central Indian Ocean Basin (CIOB). While the mission stresses bio-prospecting of deep sea flora and fauna, many environmentalists are sceptical. Here's why

INDIA'S MISSION

Spread over five years, the Indian mission has six chief components:

1. Developing tech and sending a manned submersible to a depth of 6,000 metres to explore and harness deep sea minerals and energy
2. Developing an ocean climate change advisory services to provide future projections of climate variables on seasonal to decadal time scales to prioritise coastal tourism
3. Bio-prospecting of deep sea flora and fauna, including microbes and studies on sustainable utilisation of deep sea bio-resources
4. Deep ocean survey and exploration to identify potential sites of multi-metal Hydrothermal Sulphides mineralisation
5. Energy and freshwater from the ocean by developing tech for offshore Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) powered desalination plant
6. Advanced marine station for Ocean Biology to translate research into industrial application and product development through on-site business incubator facilities

WHAT AND WHY OF THE PROJECT

₹4,077crore — The estimated cost of the mission

5-year — Time frame spread over two phases

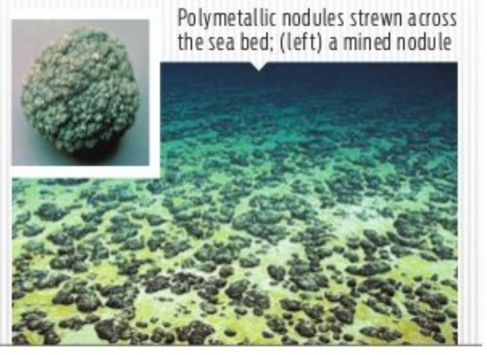
₹2,823.4 cr — Cost for the first phase for 2021-2024

380 million metric tonnes — Estimated PMN deposits in the CIOB

100 years — The time for which a fraction of the PMN reserves can meet India's energy requirements

Major minerals hidden in the bosom of the sea

Minerals	Uses
Copper	Electricity production and transmission, non-corrosive alloy manufacturing for vehicles and hull of ships.
Silver	Electronics and batteries.
Rare Earth Elements	Green and carbon reducing technologies.
Manganese	Construction industry.
Zinc	Pharmaceutical products, paint production, steel and iron industry.
Cobalt	Aircraft engines, lithium-ion batteries.



Polymetallic nodules strewn across the sea bed; (left) a mined nodule

Antarctic lake gone in three days

CLIMATE

A huge Antarctic Lake disappeared over the course of just three days in June 2019 after the ice shelf beneath it collpased. The fractured ice shelf sent an estimated 21 to 26 billion cubic feet of water into the ocean. Researchers spotted the vanishing lake while poring over satellite imagery of the region and published their analysis last week in the journal Geophysical Research Letters.

Roland Warner, a glaciologist at the University of Tasmania and lead author of the study, tells Becky Ferreira of Vice that in January 2020 he was monitoring the destruction wrought by last year's catastrophic wildfires in Australia using satellite imagery when he decided to take a peek farther south. "Looking down to Antarctica, for a break from watching the destruction, I noticed a spell of several clear days on Amery Ice Shelf and decided to see how the summer surface melt season was progressing," he tells Vice via email. "The collapsed surface feature caught my eye."

By looking back in time at prior satellite imagery from NASA's ICESat-2, Warner was able to pinpoint the lake's demise. On June 9, 2019, the lake was there, but by June 11 it was gone, according to Vice.

"We believe the weight of water accumulated in this deep lake opened a fissure in the ice shelf beneath the lake, a process known as hydrofracture, causing the water to drain away to the ocean below," Warner says in a statement. A hydrofracture is what happens when the accumulated weight of liquid water, which is denser than ice, gets too great and the ice sheet supporting it cracks.

Zelda fetches record $8.7L in auction

TECH

NEW YORK: A sealed cartridge of "The Legend of Zelda" for the old Nintendo NES console has sold for a world record sum of $870,000, auction house Heritage Auctions said in a statement Friday.

The cartridge, dated to 1987, is still in its original packaging and trumps the previous world record sale of a video game -- $660,000 for a 1986 "Super Mario Bros" cartridge sold in April -- according to the auction house. The game was the "masterpiece" in a sale of 443 lots that runs until Sunday, E Bradley, spokesperson for the Dallas-based company said.

The auction house has not revealed the identity of the buyer.

Blending adventure, action and exploration in a magical universe, Zelda is one of the most significant titles in the history of video games and one of Nintendo's best-known series. Retro video games have become increasingly popular with nostalgic collectors in recent years, driving up prices for old-school consoles and cartridges at auctions.

JUMBO CARE

A caretaker bathing an elephant calf at Kottur rehabilitation centre in Thiruvananthapuram, where two calves died due to herpes viral infection. Measures are being taken to take care of the remaining calves | VINCENT PULICKAL

China's big tech purge continues

TECH

BEIJING: China's financial regulator has blocked a merger of the nation's two largest video game live-streaming sites planned by tech giant Tencent over antitrust concerns, it said on Saturday.

Beijing has launched a major crackdown on the biggest players in its tech sector after years of runaway growth and lax regulation, partly due to fears over their growing influence and the security of troves of sensitive consumer data. Analysts have estimated the planned merger of live streaming services Huya and Douyu could have brought the combined platforms' domestic market share to between 80 to 90 per cent. "If Huya and Douyu merged, that would... further strengthen Tencent's dominant position in the video game live-streaming market," Beijing's State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR) said in an online statement.

"This has the effect of eliminating or restricting competition, is not conducive to fair market competition ... and is not conducive to the healthy and sustainable development of the online gaming and video game livestreaming market."

The blocked merger comes shortly after regulators abruptly announced a cybersecurity review into ride-hailing app Didi Chuxing on the heels of a US IPO that raised $4.4 billion.

Plans for the deal were initially announced by Tencent last October, but SAMR said it would undertake an antitrust review into the merger in December.

The same month, it announced an antitrust investigation into e-commerce giant Alibaba, whose fintech arm Ant Financial's bumper IPO was shelved at the last minute by regulators in November.

The company was later slapped with a record 18.2 billion yuan ($2.78 billion) fine for anti-competitive practices. Tencent currently has a majority stake in Huya and a 38 per cent stake in Douyu, and the merger was set to grant it majority control over the combined entity. Both Huya and Douyu are listed in the US, with market caps of $3.57 billion and $1.77 billion respectively.

Meanwhile, China's regulator ordered the removal from app stores of 25 apps owned by Didi Global Inc., the country's largest ride-hailing service, citing severe violations of rules and norms against collecting personal data.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Rare lightning event's havoc

NATURE

A Northern California wildfire exploding through bone-dry timber prompted Nevada authorities to evacuate a border-area community as flames leapt on ridgetops of nearby mountains. The Beckwourth Complex — a merging of two lightning-caused fires — headed into Saturday showing no sign of slowing its rush northeast from the Sierra Nevada forest region after doubling in size only a few days earlier. The fire was one of several threatening homes across Western states that are expected to see triple-digit heat through the weekend. On Friday, Death Valley National Park in California recorded a staggering high of 130 degrees Fahrenheit (54.4 Celsius).

'Must upgrade weather infra'

CLIMATE

An estimated 23,000 lives a year could be saved through improving weather forecasts, early warning systems and climate information, the United Nations said Thursday. Investment in multi-hazard early warning programmes could create potential annual benefits worth at least $162 billion -- 10 times the cost, the UN's World Meteorological Organization said in a report. High-quality "hydromet" services -- weather, climate, hydrological and related services -- are the foundation for effective climate change adaptation, the study said. The first biennial Hydromet Gap Report, which looks at solutions for effective climate action, said only 40% countries had effective warning systems.

Wandering jumbo rescued

NATURE

One member of a group of elephants that left a nature reserve and wandered close to cities in China's southwest has been tranquilized and returned to the reserve after leaving the herd. The elephants attracted nationwide attention after they left the reserve in Yunnan province last year and walked more than 500 kilometers (300 miles) north. They reached the outskirts of Kunming before turning south, but still are far from the reserve. A lone male that left the herd over a month ago was captured Wednesday near the city of Yuxi and sent back to the Xishuangbanna Nature Reserve, about 280 km away. The 10-year-old, 1.8-ton elephant had stayed near populated areas since Monday, prompting the decision to send it back to the reserve to reduce the risk to the public.

VAX POPULI

EU makes available shots to fully inoculate 70% of its adults

COVID

BRUSSELS/GENEVA/JAKARTA: The EU on Saturday claimed to have made available enough doses to fully vaccinate at least 70% of the adult population in its 27-member states. The statement came on a day many Asian countries, especially Indonesia which has turned into a global hotspot, sent out SOS for vaccines and essential supplies amid UN warnings linking mRNA-based vaccines to rare heart inflammation.

The EU, home to an estimated 366 million adults, has delivered 330 million BioNTech-Pfizer shots, 100 million AstraZeneca, 50 million from Moderna and 20 million Johnson & Johnson on Saturday. "The EU has kept its word," Ursula von der Leyen, President of EU Commission, said. "Now the member states must do everything they can to ensure that vaccinations move forward. Only then will we all be safe."

However, the Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) said that myocarditis – inflammation of the heart muscle – and pericarditis – inflammation of the lining around the heart – could be linked to mRNA vaccines like Pfizer and Moderna.

Nevertheless, the GACVS clarified that benefits of mRNA Covid-19 vaccines outweigh the risks as most of the inflammations following vaccinations were "mild" and required only "conservative" treatment, although it is observing the possible long-term effects.

Asian countries were reeling under heavy case burden, with many countries going for lockdowns of varying degrees of intensity. Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia re-imposed stringent measures even as cases and death toll mounted. Indonesian cases crossed 40,000 over the past two days, with an overburdened health apparatus nearly collapsing. Reports of hospitals refusing fresh admissions emerged from various parts of the archipelago, while skeptical observers alleged even the high case numbers was a vast undercount.

While Singapore rushed emergency supplies to Indonesia on Friday, the US and the UAE have offered help.